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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Russia And E. Germany

COMMUNIST-directed attempts to interfere with and sabotage the forthcoming West German elections need occasion no surprise. Any consolidation of democracy in Germany cuts clean across the designs worked out a week ago in Moscow by the Soviet leaders and the East German Government representatives; therefore, if possible, the West German elections must be wrecked. The communiqué which was issued at the close of the Moscow talks shows how preoccupied the Russian Government is with Germany in general and the internal problems of the Eastern zone in particular. It could hardly be otherwise, for the July revolt of East German workers dramatically revealed a state of affairs in the zone which must have caused more than anxiety in Moscow. Mr. Molotov and his colleagues probably had not until then realized the seriousness of the situation. But there could be no misunderstanding the meaning of the July disturbances. Not only was the economic situation going from bad to worse, but there was a deep and angry discontent among the workers and a thorough detestation of the political system.

WHILE this was serious enough in itself, it also affected the plans of the Moscow Foreign Office. A new approach to the question of German reunification was being devised. Acceptance of the idea of starting with free all-German elections was less than even possible; for it was plain that anything like free elections in the Soviet zone would produce a Communist debacle. It was realized by the Kremlin that an alternative must be put forward. Hence came the suggestion of co-operation between the West German and East German governments to form a provisional all-German Government. Its chances of acceptance were not good. There exist deep feelings about the Grotewohl Government in the West. The rather too obvious parallel with the provisional Polish Government of 1946 was a warning of what might happen in Germany. But if the plan were to have the smallest chance of acceptance, it was plain to the Kremlin that the prestige and authority of the East German Government must be restored. It had to be able to negotiate with Bonn from apparent strength, not from obvious weakness.

HERE then is one of the reasons for the "new course" in the Soviet zone. The Government is striving to gain popularity by making economic concessions and promises of better living conditions, while at the same time it is threatening that any resistance or overt demonstration of discontent will be treated as evidence of "Fascism" or of "criminality." The East Germans are to be taught that revolt is useless, but that collaboration pays. In this way the appearance of stability is to be restored and the Communist Government to be able to claim that it is really representative of the East German population. This was the plan upon which agreement was reached in Moscow when Premier Grotewohl and his deputy met the Russian leaders. It has still to be put to the test. The East German workers may fall for it yet after the July incidents. But Grotewohl and the Kremlin hierarchy must be feeling some apprehension about the outcome of their "new course" in the Eastern zone.

Allies Make New Offer To Russia

DETERMINED ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE TALKS German Settlement Must Be Reached First

London, Sept. 2.

The Western Allies today made a determined effort to cut through the fruitless diplomatic verbiage they have exchanged with Moscow on the German problem by calling for direct talks with Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, next month.

The move was made in a politely worded note answering the Russian notes of last month.

In the hope that this effort would succeed where their July invitation did not the Western powers agreed to discuss other German problems besides the electoral question to which their first invitation was limited. They say only that the Foreign Ministers should "first concentrate" on all German elections and the status of the Government they produced.

This should adequately meet the Kremlin's views if its expressed desire for a meeting on Germany is sincere.

If Moscow does not want a conference—and her note of August 4 threw some doubt on the subject—she can use the West's rejection today of her plan to bring Communist China to the table as an excuse for declining the invitation.

TEXT OF BRITISH NOTE TO KREMLIN

London, Sept. 2.

The text of the British Note inviting the Soviet Union to a Foreign Ministers' conference on the German and Austrian problems published here tonight:

"The British Government in its customary close consultation with the Governments of France and of the United States have carefully studied the Soviet Government's notes of August 4 and 15, 1953, which were in reply to the proposals presented on July 15 by the three Western powers. The Government of the German Federal Republic and the German authorities in Berlin have also been consulted.

"The British Government have no intention once again to refute the Soviet Government's criticism of the policy followed by the three powers nor of thus prolonging a sterile discussion which can only be harmful to the cause of peace.

"The British Government therefore fully reserve their position in regard to the various allegations in the Soviet Government's notes of August 4 and 15 and will confine their comments to the problems of an urgent nature which also in connection with the meeting of the Foreign Ministers proposed in their note of July 15.

GERMANY & AUSTRIA
"Real progress towards peace and towards a lessening of the international tension would be achieved were it possible to find an early solution of some of the existing problems concerning Germany and to conclude an Austrian State Treaty.

"It therefore appears desirable that the meeting of the Foreign Ministers should devote itself to these problems where-as to inject into these problems a series of other complex questions as proposed by the Soviet Government could only delay and prejudice the success of the talks. A solution of the German and Austrian problems could be expected to pave the way for fruitful discussion of other major questions.

"The British Government also wish to point out that the study of some of these other questions has already been entrusted to such international organisations as the United Nations or to international bodies such as the political conference on Korea where the Chinese people's Republic will be represented. The latter's participation in the proposed meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Four Powers could not therefore be justified.

SERIES OF DEVICES
"The Soviet Government have suggested a procedure for dealing with the German problem which appears complicated and work on such a basis could at best be long drawn out. The Soviet Government's note of August 15 envisages in effect a series of

devices which would result in postponing to some indeterminate date the holding of free elections in the Federal Republic in the Eastern Zone of Germany and in Berlin.

"An all German Government which is not based on the will of the people as expressed in free elections would not be qualified to take vital decisions affecting the future of the United Germany. The problem of free elections is thus the key to an all German settlement.

"The British Government therefore consider that the meeting of the Foreign Ministers should devote itself to the German problem the solution of which is an essential part of a world settlement and concentrate in the first instance on the question of free elections and the status of the future German government.

"Furthermore it must be pointed out that when the British Government proposed in their note of July 15 that the problem of free elections be considered first they did not make any prior condition that an investigating commission be established. It comes therefore that on this point the Soviet Government have misinterpreted the terms of this note.

PROBLEMS DISTINCT

"The British Government have never considered that the re-establishment of the freedom and independence of Austria which by the terms of the Moscow declaration of November 1943 must be regarded as a liberated country should be dependent upon progress towards a solution of the German problem. They consider that these two problems are quite distinct. In their view nothing should now prevent the conclusion of an Austrian Treaty.

"The British Government therefore regret the failure of the Soviet Government to accept their proposal that the Austrian Treaty deputies should meet on August 21. It nevertheless remains their hope that the Foreign Ministers will be able to agree upon the Austrian State Treaty when they themselves meet.

"The British Government are convinced that progress is more likely to be made by discussion of these problems than by a further exchange of notes. Consequently they renew their invitation to the Soviet Government to participate in a meeting of the four Foreign Ministers which could take place on October 15 at Lugano. They understand that this would be agreeable to the Swiss Government."—Reuter.

From the Western viewpoint the Communist China proposal was a non-starter. The Allies are agreed that the Peking Government must prove their peaceful intentions before they accept her as an equal.

"Today's note states specifically that the West is prepared to negotiate a settlement of other world problems—as the Russians want—but clearly infers that only if the German talks went well would they believe a wider conference had a chance of success.

Another concession to Moscow by the Allies is the dropping of their insistence on an investigation commission to see whether conditions for free elections exist in Russian occupied Germany.

This was a proposal made last year and followed up by the United Nations appointment of a commission made up of Iceland, Holland, Brazil and Pakistan.

Mercoz barred the Commission from East Germany saying that the idea insulted the German people. Though the Western powers did not raise the proposal in their July invitation, Moscow's reply contained a stinging attack on it.

Authoritative sources here said tonight this does not mean that the Allies will not still require some effective methods for ensuring free election in Germany. They are hoping that Mr. Molotov may have some alternative suggestions to make in Lugano.

The dispatch of today's note is timed as were the Russian notes of August 4 and 15 to have the maximum influence on the West German election campaign.

The West hopes that their new invitation will increase the chance of victory for Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor. They hope that Moscow will not be able to squander in her reply before the poll next Sunday—China Mail Special.

Zahedi Invites US Proposals

Tehran, Sept. 2.

The new Persian Government wants the United States to submit new proposals for a swift settlement of the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute, an authoritative source close to the Government said here today.

The source said General Fazlollah Zahedi, the Persian Prime Minister, would welcome any United States proposals to reconcile Britain and Persia and get the Abadan refinery working again.

The source declared a quick settlement was vital to Persia. "The Zahedi Government is only two weeks old and has not yet a chance to breach the oil problem formally to the Council of Ministers, but the problem must be tackled," he said.

He stated a special Government committee was now studying the 1952 Truman-Churchill proposals, turned down by Dr. Mossadegh, in an effort to find a basis for re-opening negotiations.—Reuter.

Rent Dispute Leads To Four Deaths

Buenos Aires, Sept. 2.
A lodger, his landlady, her son and daughter were found riddled with bullets here after the lodger and the son had decided to 'shoot it out' over a rent dispute.

Neighbours heard a violent gunfight and called the police. Officers found Domingo Gentile, aged 45, an Italian, dead with a .38 calibre revolver in his hand. Not far from him lay the corpse of his landlady, Senora Sara Bodurien, aged 45. Her 22-year-old daughter Noemi and 23-year-old son Carlos, also holding a gun, were sprawled on the floor, seriously injured. Carlos died on the way to the hospital. Noemi had serious injuries.

Gentile had been given notice by the Boduriens. He refused to leave. Then the fight started.—China Mail Special.

Death Of Corregidor Hero

General Wainwright, San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 2.

General Jonathan M. Wainwright, 70, "Hero of Corregidor," died today in Brooke Army Hospital here.

General Wainwright had two strokes in a fortnight. As Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army in the Philippines early in March, 1942, General Wainwright, 70, knew could be nothing but a losing battle against the Japanese on Bataan and later on Corregidor.

Nevertheless, he effectively slowed down the Japanese advance for two vital months with the slender forces at his disposal before surrendering.

He was in Japanese captivity for more than three years before returning to the United States after the Japanese surrender in 1945—to a hero's welcome.

MEDAL OF HONOUR
President Truman invested him with Congressional Medal of Honour.

Early in 1946 General Wainwright was made Commander of the Fourth Army with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and he remained there until his retirement in 1947.

Since then he spoke out occasionally on international questions.

In 1949 he termed the Atlantic Pact a "straight invitation to another war." That statement came two days after the Senate had approved the pact.

General Wainwright supported General Douglas MacArthur at the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in 1948, seconding his nomination for President.

On the fifth anniversary of Pearl Harbour, General Wainwright said that because of inadequate defence preparations "Pearl Harbour and Bataan were a needless waste."—Reuter.

Floods Maroon Thousands

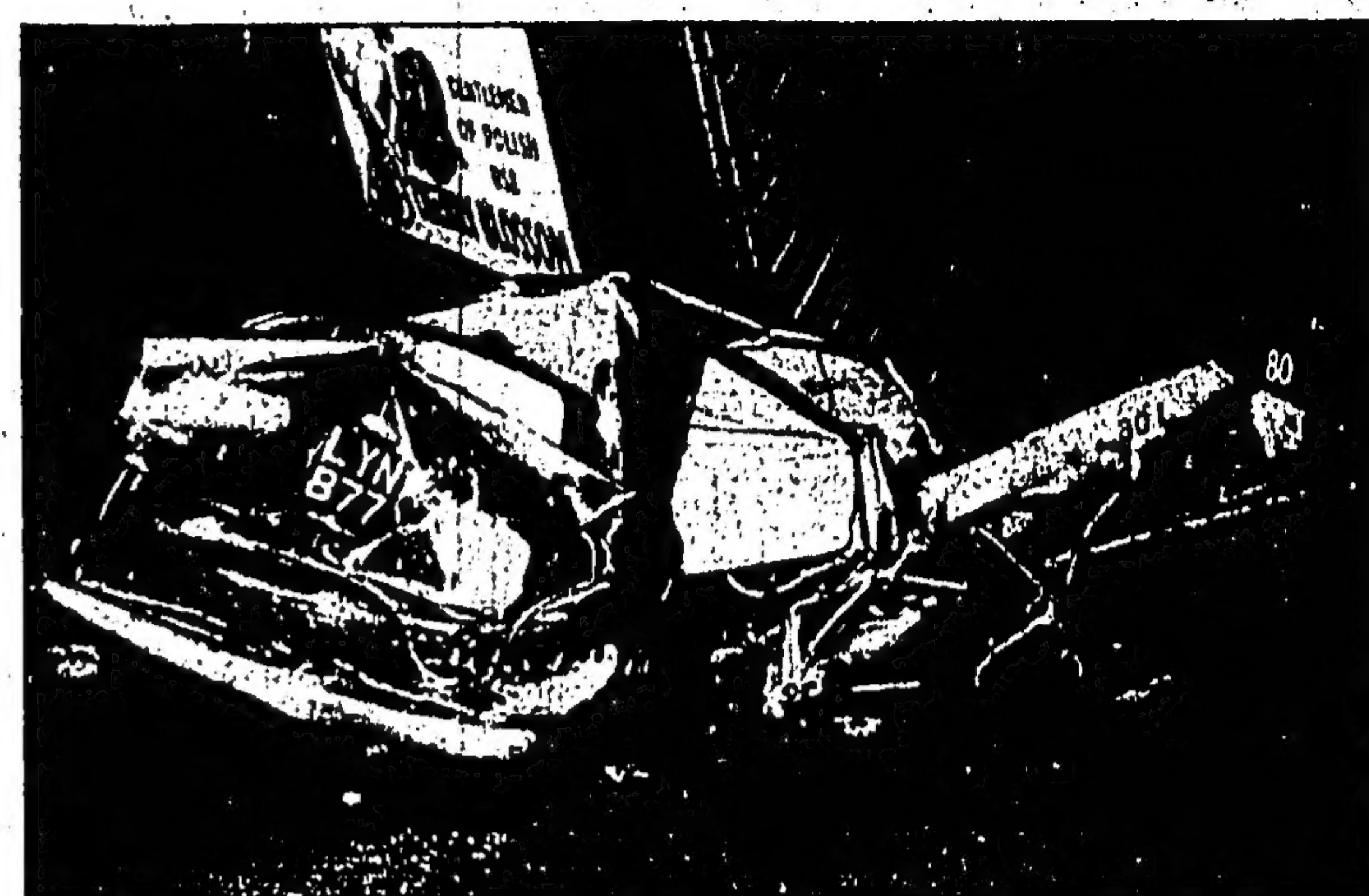
Srinagar, Sept. 2.

Ten thousand people are marooned by floods in the Kashmir valley, and plans are under way to evacuate them, Mr. Mir Qasim, the Kashmir Revenue Minister, said today.

Flood waters, rising rapidly for the past 28 hours, have inundated 35 square miles of fertile land with standing crops in the central Kashmir valley. Two breaches, each 200 feet wide, have been made in the banks of the river Jhelum, above the capital city of Srinagar.

The road to the Srinagar aerodrome was washed out by floods, and no plane has reached Srinagar for the past four days.

Engineers said today that the unusually swift and sudden rise in the Jhelum river was unprecedented in recent history, but they had the situation under control.—Reuter.



A private car was telescoped when a four-ton lorry trailer, going down hill, skidded and crashed into it near Welling Garden City, Hertfordshire, one day last week. The four occupants of the car, Henry Green, 36, his wife Lilian, 33, Green's father, aged 64, and a four-year-old niece, Susan, were all killed.—London Express photo.

Lantau Reafforestation Scheme Contemplated

If suitable land is available a private company, led by Mr G. O. Jones, Manager of Victor Warne and Co, hopes to start a million-dollar reafforestation scheme on Lantau Island, which would eventually provide firewood and timber for the Colony.

It is understood that the Government, which may itself decide to carry out reafforestation in the area, is in favour of the scheme, and negotiations are now going forward for the purchase of land on the lower slopes which for some years has been used by the villagers themselves for primitive afforestation schemes of their own.

Mr Jones said yesterday that a pilot company will first be floated, which will finally be developed into a public company, controlling 4-5,000 acres.

"I have been working out this scheme for about five years," Mr Jones said. "It will be split up between firewood and timber, the firewood being returned in 4-5 years and the timber—a particular type of pine which has proved very successful in Australia and New Zealand—in 10-15 years."

"We need 1,000 acres or so for the pilot scheme. It will eventually be a great asset to the Colony and to the Lantau people generally."

Mr Austin Coates, District Officer South, commented that in addition to the lower slopes the new company would want access to the interior and level fields for the nursery.

"What they have chosen at the moment is private land which would be expensive to rent," he said. "But we are looking for alternative sites. We think this is an excellent scheme and I am making every effort to find 400-1,000 acres for the company."

"But we do not want to alienate to them vast tracts of land which may eventually not be used, and we hope they will start in a small way first."

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FOUR AMERICAN GIs MISSING

Vienna, Sept. 2.

Four American soldiers have been missing since yesterday in the Soviet zone of Austria.

The American police have questioned the Austrian police and the Russian command about their fate, these Austrian sources said.

The four soldiers were last seen getting off a train at Urfahr, a suburb of Vienna, in the Soviet zone. The train runs from the American zone suburb of Linz.—France-Press.

Street Brawls In German Border Towns

Bonn, Sept. 2.

Bloody street brawls broke out in zonal border cities tonight between anti-Communist crowds and 1,500 Communist shock troops who crossed into West Germany to disrupt Sunday's general elections.

West German police said that another 5,000 East German toughs were mobilised at Marlenba, a zonal border station, and prepared to invade West Germany during the next 12 hours.

They were expected to slip over back roads and wooded trails. Regular crossing stations were under heavy guards.

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South Korea To Oppose Purchases In Japan For Rehabilitation

Suez Talks Puzzle

London, Sept. 2. British negotiator, General Sir Brian Robertson is leaving Cairo at what Middle East observers here today believed to be the danger point in Anglo-Egyptian talks on the Suez Canal Zone.

Cairo reports said that General Robertson was leaving for London on Friday.

The Foreign Office had no official confirmation of his departure date but said that he was expected in London in connection with his new appointment as head of the Transport Board. There was no other official comment here.

But from Cairo came an official warning that no agreement on the Suez Canal Zone appeared possible except by force of arms.

There were some inspired forecasts that a settlement was in sight, but these were not being encouraged by officials either here or in Cairo.

"NO HOPE"
In Cairo, the Egyptian Minister for National Guidance, Major Saleh Salem, said "There is no hope of the British accepting our demands and there is no hope for our country obtaining its rights except through sacrifice."

He denied local reports that agreement had been reached and said that Egypt was passing through "its most critical stage which will determine its fate."

On the other hand, the Egyptian President, General Mohammed Naguib, right hand man, Lieutenant-Colonel Nasser, said he was "completely satisfied" with the six informal meetings with the British on the Canal Zone issue at which General Robertson has stated the British point of view.

With this welter of conflicting reports the only authoritative comment here was this: "General Robertson's visit to London should let us know whether a basis has been found at the Cairo talks on which negotiations on the Canal Zone could be started." — United Press.

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Train Engines For Pakistan

Sydney, Sept. 2. Pakistan has signed a £1,000,000 contract with the Clyde Engineering Company for nine diesel locomotives.

Australia is financing most of the cost under the Colombo Plan. The Company is to deliver the first locomotive within 15 months.

Pakistan will buy some parts for the engines from the United States at a cost of more than £300,000.

The Pakistan High Commissioner to Australia, Mr. Habib Rahman, who signed the contract, said Pakistan is progressively changing its locomotives from steam to diesel because of the coal shortage.

— United Press.

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A Lever For Settlement Of Fisheries Dispute?

Washington, Sept. 2. The South Korean Foreign Minister, Pyun Yung Tac, served notice today that his Government will oppose United States purchases in Japan for Korean rehabilitation, which would build up Japan at the expense of Korea's industrial development hopes.

Mr Pyun said at a press conference that his Government will try to veto such expenditures if necessary, so as to strengthen its "bargaining position" with Japan over the unsettled fisheries, property and other disputes between the two countries.

He also said that the minimum terms for a successful outcome of the forthcoming political conference on Korea would be the withdrawal of the Chinese Communist forces, the re-unification of the country and free elections in North Korea.

It would be "redundant," he declared to hold elections in South Korea since these already have been held. The Seoul Government continued to reserve for North Korea as many seats in the South Korean National Assembly as was warranted by the size of the North Korean population as compared to that of the Republic of Korea.

If reports were true that the North Korean population had been reduced to 3,000,000 people, the ROK Government would offer about one-third of the 100 seats kept vacant previously when the North Korean population was about 9,000,000.

Other developments in his press conference were:

1. He said that the site of the political conference should be chosen by unanimous agreement between the 16 fighting Allies and the ROK Government, and that his Government would not oppose New York if that city finally were agreed upon between the United Nations and the Communist side.

2. He refused to say whether his Government would support the proposal by the United States that India take part in a subsequent and more general political conference.

3. His Government would seek to limit the agenda of the coming conference to Korean matters without going on to unrelated problems, such as Indo-China.

POWER OF VETO
Mr Pyun spoke bitterly of what he termed Japan's unwillingness to settle its disputes with Seoul.

He attacked the idea which he said was in evidence in Washington of a "build-up of Japan in the name of aid to Korea."

The Rehabilitation Planning Board could not carry out any rehabilitation or procurement measure without the approval of both chambers.

Asked whether his Government considers that it thus has the power to veto any procurement of materials in Japan, the Foreign Minister said, "Yes."

Asked whether the South Korean chairman would veto the procurement of goods and materials in Japan to which his Government was opposed, he said, "Yes, in that extreme case."

SELF-SUPPORTING
The Foreign Minister evaded, however, giving a direct answer to the question of whether his Government intends to oppose all procurement in Japan for Korean rehabilitation purposes.

"If we can buy some things more cheaply in Japan why should we not buy them there?" he said.

But, he added, many things which the Japanese apparently were preparing to sell for the rehabilitation programme could be supplied by Korea itself, if its industry were developed as part of the programme.

The purpose of the programme should be to make South Korea as self-supporting as possible and as quickly as possible.

The American plans to use Japan as the producer of industrial goods limited Korea to the role of supplier of materials and thus retarded her industrial development, he concluded.

ENVOY'S STATEMENT
The South Korean Ambassador, Y. C. Yang, said that his Government will "block" American procurement in Japan for Korea's rehabilitation

Labour Party Advocates Arms Talks

London, Sept. 2. The Daily Herald, newspaper of the Labour Party, said today that the possibility of an international agreement which would end the armaments race should be explored.

This ought to be done in high-level talks with Russia, as advocated last May by Sir Winston Churchill.

"If these talks show that the Soviet policy is hypocritical the West will be no worse off," the Herald commented.—Reuter.

Science's Latest: Existence Of An Invisible Universe?

Liverpool, Sept. 2. Radio waves received on earth one hundred million years after leaving outer space raise the possibility that an invisible universe exists side by side with the one that can be seen, one of the world's greatest scientists said today.

Sir Edward Appleton, President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, told the Association's annual conference of "dark stars" whose existence has only become known through astronomy.

These dark stars have been discovered in the last few years.

"They give no light and are therefore invisible, but do give off radio waves which can be received by a radio telescope, which is an adaptation of radar."

Sir Edward Appleton, whose Presidential address opened Britain's annual scientific forum, said two important sources of radio waves from space had been discovered: one in the constellation of Cygnus and a more powerful one in the constellation of Cassiopeia. In each case there was no corresponding visible object on the star map, he said.

He suggested it might be possible to detect sources at greater distances by radio than by optical means and said much progress was expected from two large British-made radio telescopes.

Manchester University would have the largest single radio telescope in the world. A large radio telescope at Cambridge was already yielding new results in the mapping of radio sources.

Sir Edward Appleton's address marked the opening of a week of lectures and discussions during which more than 300 British scientists will tell each other and the man-in-the-street what they have learned about such things as rockets, atomic bombs, icebergs and the fount of sand dunes.—China Mail Special.

SHARED BY ALL
Liverpool, Sept. 2. Sir Edward Appleton, one of Britain's leading scientists, said today that there should be no isolation between the scientist and the general public.

"The results of science do not belong to the scientist alone," he declared.

"They are shared by all his fellow citizens. When the first atomic bomb was exploded in

— United Press.

ATLANTIC STORM THREAT

Miami, Sept. 2. A fast moving Atlantic hurricane, generating winds of 80 miles an hour, thundered in the direction of the British Islands of Antigua and Barbuda almost 800 miles to the west today.

Hurricane warnings were raised on the two Leeward Islands which are populated by about 45,000 persons. A 1950 storm practically swept away the buildings on the two British possessions with winds of 160 miles an hour. Thousands were left homeless as a result.

An 11 a.m. advisory from the San Juan Weather Bureau placed the hurricane about 485 miles east of the island of Guadeloupe in the French Antilles. Guadeloupe is south-east of Antigua.

Should the hurricane follow its 11 a.m. course and speed it would send its dangerous winds over the islands within 30 hours.

The storm centre then was about 1,000 miles east-south-east of Miami.

North-west storm warnings were ordered for Guadeloupe.

All shipping in the storm's area was warned to be on the alert.

The first report of the hurricane came from a freighter lighting through 75 miles an hour winds.

A hurricane hunter plane was sent into the new storm to track its course and determine its ferocity.—United Press.

Tokyo, Sept. 2. An Italo-Japanese trade and navigation agreement will be concluded shortly, culminating negotiations which lasted 18 months.—France-Press.

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London, Sept. 2. Spindles in the world's cotton mills increased by 1,377,000 in the year ended January 31 last, the International Cotton Spinners' Federation announced today.

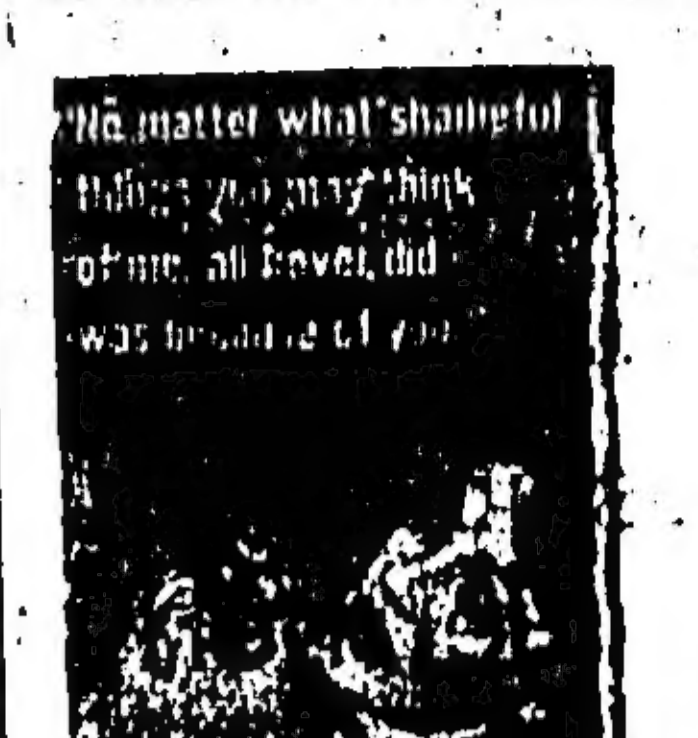
In the 15 months the figure rose from 127,669,000 to 129,046,000.

World cotton mill consumption for the six months ended January 31 last was estimated at 12,372,000 bales compared with 10,245,000 bales in the previous half year.

There was an increase of 1,127,000 spindles.—China Mail Special.

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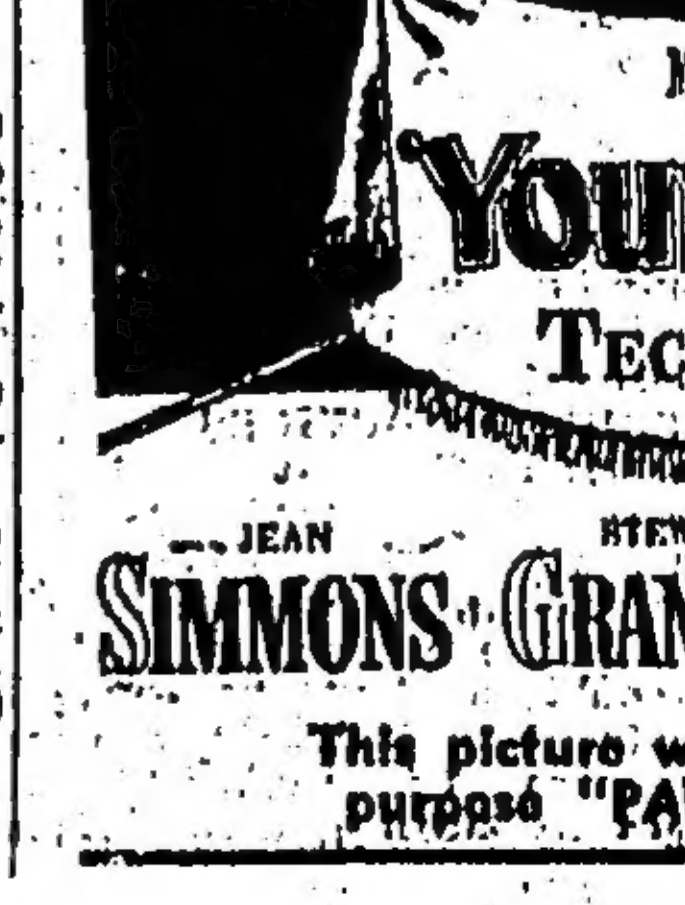
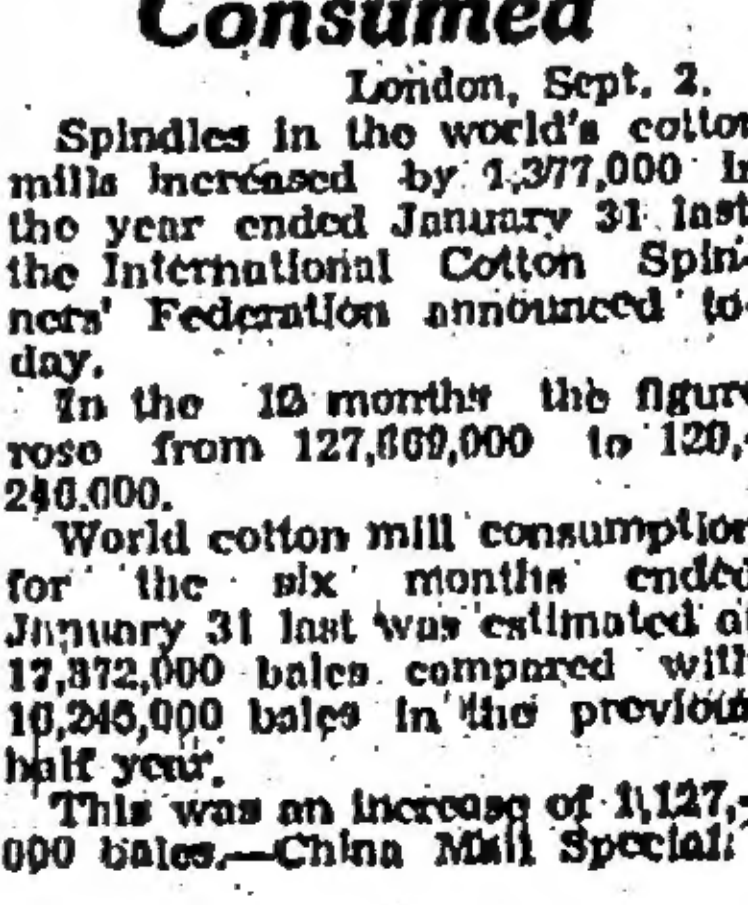
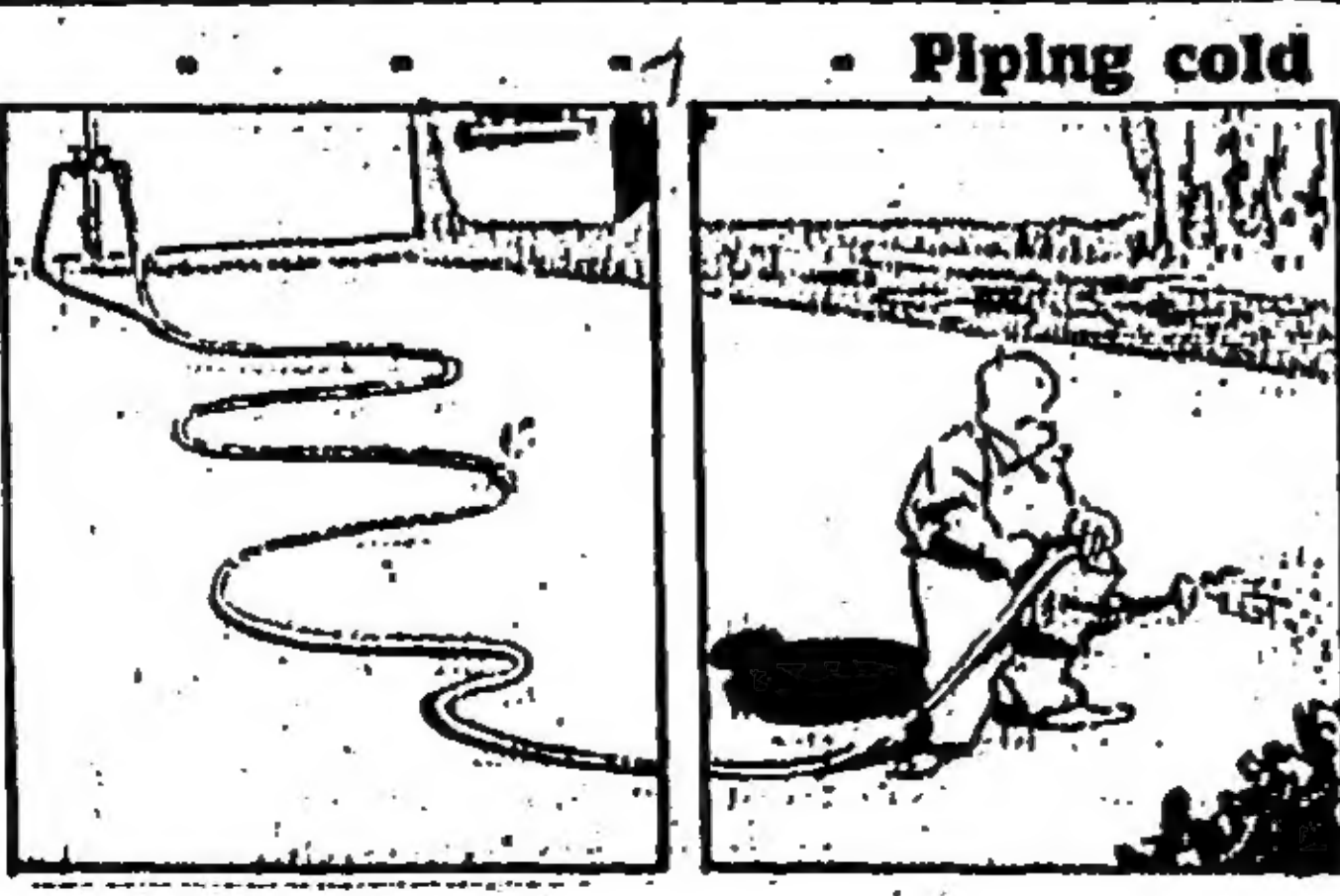
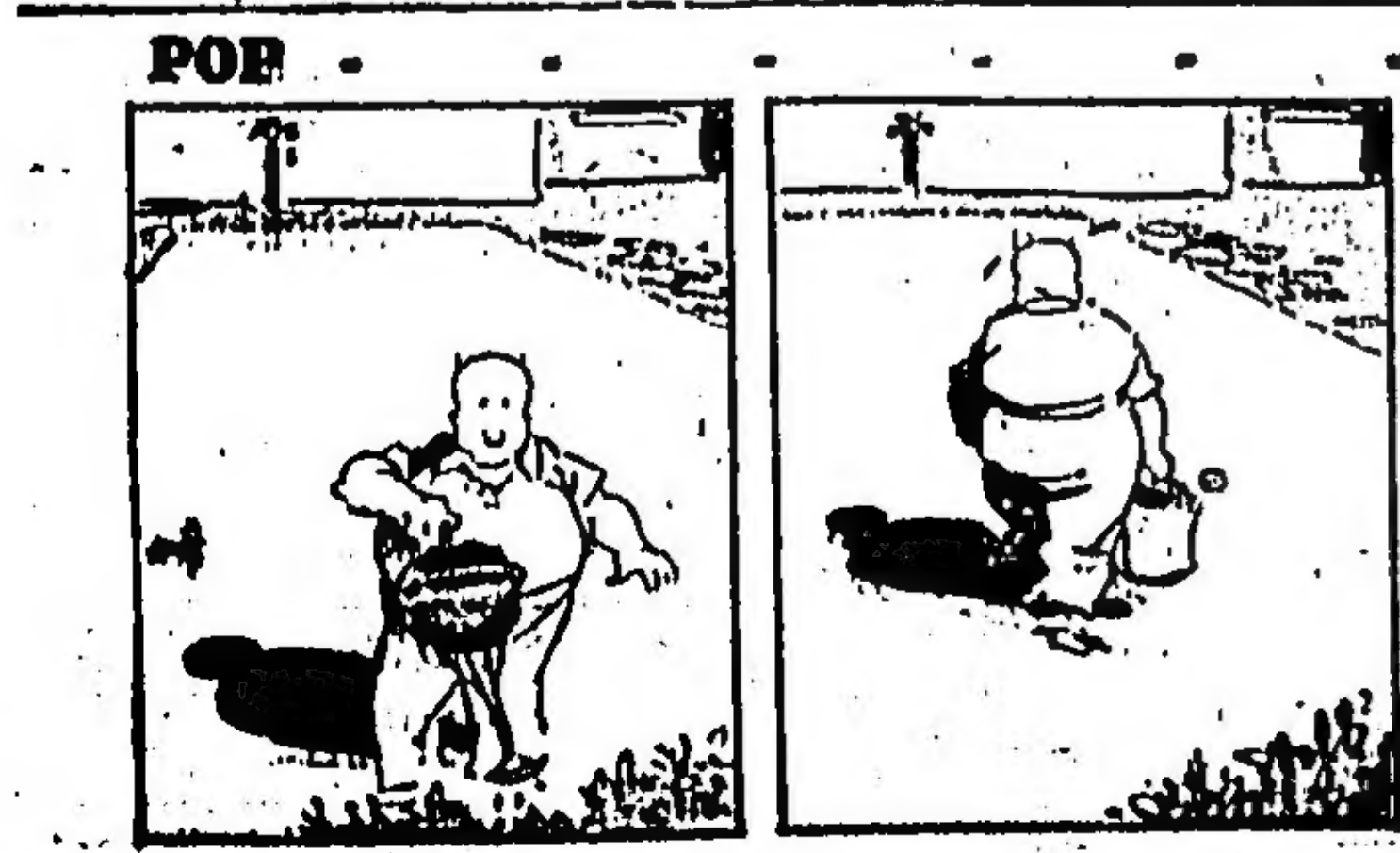
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More Cotton Consumed
London, Sept. 2. Spindles in the world's cotton mills increased by 1,377,000 in the year ended January 31 last, the International Cotton Spinners' Federation announced today.

In the 15 months the figure rose from 127,669,000 to 129,046,000.

World cotton mill consumption for the six months ended January 31 last was estimated at 12,372,000 bales compared with 10,245,000 bales in the previous half year.

There was an increase of 1,127,000 spindles.—China Mail Special.



Allied Views Explained

Paris, Sept. 2.
The French Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that in the Allied notes delivered to Moscow today the Western powers had "tried to avoid all useless discussion and polemic."

The French spokesman added: "They have therefore not replied to all the arguments in the Soviet notes of August 4 and 15 as they consider the problems which arise must be seriously examined at a meeting of Foreign Ministers."

The spokesman continued: "Everything has been done on the French side to render such a meeting possible. First, we have abandoned the claim for a preliminary inquiry into the conditions of freedom pertaining in the four zones. Such an inquiry would no doubt not have been useless."

"Nevertheless—in order to avoid any delay and in order to deprive the Soviet Government of any pretext, this demand, contained in the note of September 27, 1952, had not been maintained. The note of June 16 already contained this concession. The Russians feigned not to understand it. There is therefore nothing in the way of an immediate and complete discussion of the problem of German unity."

"Second, the French Government still thinks that the problem of free elections is the key to a German settlement and that these elections can only be organized on the basis of an understanding between the four powers," the spokesman continued.

ESSENTIAL PROBLEM

"A German government must issue from free elections. In order that the elections should be free there must be an agreement between the four powers. Nothing so far in the Soviet Government's proposals or arguments has seemed to call for modifications of the French Government's view on this subject."

"Nevertheless, the French Government is ready for a wide and comprehensive discussion of the question with a view to facilitating by all means the settlement of the essential problem of the unification of Germany."

"The discussions at the Palais Rose (the four-power meeting in Paris in 1951) showed the dangers of too wide an agenda. If, instead of exchanging speeches, the Ministers want to undertake constructive work, they must, as the Soviet Government itself recognizes, devote themselves to that problem which is ripe for solution."

"The proposal made today takes the Soviet viewpoint into account. It is serious and precise. It offers a real basis for conversations. It is hoped in Paris that it will enable agreement to be reached soon on a meeting of the foreign ministers."—Reuter.

Kremlin Out To Grab Initiative From Peking?

London, Sept. 2.
British officials believe that the Moscow visit of North Korean leaders is the first significant move of the Kremlin to counter Red China's growing influence in Asia.

Official quarters believed that Moscow is anxious to reassert its position in Korea and is apparently out to grab the initiative from Red China on the eve of the peace settlement.

American Legion Convention In Truculent Mood

St. Louis, Sept. 2.
The American Legion Convention today approved a call for all-out war, including the use of "every weapon" to beat the Communists in Korea if the peace negotiations failed.

The Convention approved a resolution from its Foreign Relations Committee saying: "If the peace negotiations are not successfully concluded then the full military strength and might of our Government, with every usable weapon at its disposal, should be employed to drive the Communist forces out of Korea and establish a unified democratic government in that unfortunate country."

The resolution also said: "The time has come to serve notice on this treacherous enemy (Communist China) that if present peace negotiations are not successfully concluded we will hold the Communist Government in China strictly accountable."—Reuter.

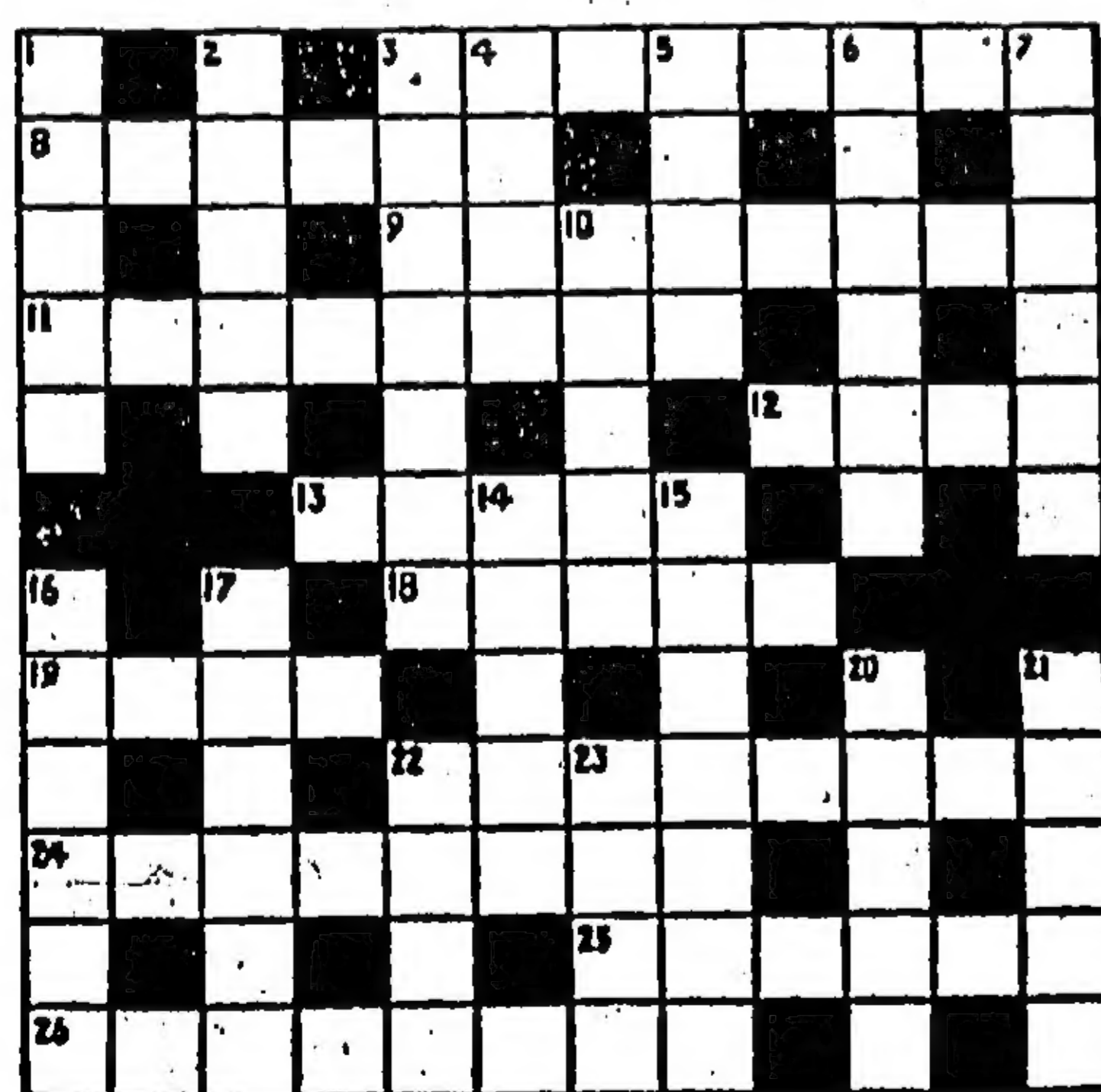
Aga Khan's Denial

Bombay, Sept. 2.
The Aga Khan has cabled his followers here that he had "nothing to do" with the divorce settlement between his son, Aly Khan, and actress Rita Hayworth.

"Inform the public there is no truth about my interference or in any way my having either approved or disapproved Press reports about the divorce settlement," he said.

"As far as I am concerned I have nothing to do with the whole matter. All Press reports about me in the case are lies."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Scattered (8).
 - Say (6).
 - Part of a car (6).
 - Made amends for (8).
 - Disorder (4).
 - Monsters (6).
 - Beforehand (5).
 - Bound (4).
 - Wrong name (8).
 - Worn away (6).
 - Negligent (6).
 - Of ill-omen (8).
- DOWN**
- Avarice (5).
 - Opportunity (5).
 - Odd (7).
 - Fuel (4).
 - Patched (4).
 - Extreme dislike (6).
 - Constraint (8).
 - Postpone (6).
 - Mad (6).
 - Columinate (7).
 - Trousers (6).
 - Unfruitful (6).
 - Course (6).
 - Huge (6).
 - Multitudes (4).
 - Withered (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Reverend, 7 Henna, 8 Spectral, 10 Lancer, 13 Pleasant, 16 Stay, 17 Cellars, 18 Invalid, 20 Teal, 21 Suppose, 26 Crowl, 27 Hesitate, 28 Scene, 29 Delights, Down: 1 Whelp, 2 Inn, 3 Roses, 5 Bazaar, 6 Delays, 9 Preels, 11 Alone, 13 Canal, 14 Deduct, 15 Slope, 16 Arose, 18 Itched, 19 Vassal, 22 Press, 23 Owned, 24 Elder, 25 Stag.

Shah's Sister In Rome



Princess Ashraf, sister of the Shah of Persia, photographed in Rome where she arrived recently. In view of the events in Persia she hopes to return to Tehran shortly.—Express Photo.

Peking Continues To Cold-Shoulder British Official

London, Sept. 2.
Communist China is cold-shouldering Britain's new representative in Peking as a subordinate and is making no effort to improve relations on the ground that Britain has not fulfilled undertakings to increase trade with Red China, diplomatic reports said today.

Officials said that Britain's new Charge d'Affaires, Mr Humphrey Trevelyan, who arrived in Peking in August, had not yet been received by the Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai.

They added that when Mr Trevelyan arrived at the Peking railway station he was met by a junior official and that when he called at the Chinese Government's Foreign Ministry he was received only by one of the many deputies.

Diplomats said that by protocol Mr Chou En-lai should see all new foreign representatives. But so far he has not received any since Britain recognized the Red China regime on January 6, 1950, and has given no indication that he intends to receive Mr Trevelyan.

Officials here are disappointed because with the end of the fighting in Korea it was hoped it would be possible to regularize diplomatic relations with Red China and as progress is made to see Peking represented in the United Nations despite present opposition by the United States.

In the Parliamentary foreign affairs debate on July 22 British Government spokesmen made it clear that Britain saw the regularisation of diplomatic relations as the first step in this process towards increasing trade with Red China.

"LACK OF GOODWILL"

Earlier in July an unofficial British trade delegation went to Peking and signed firm contracts with the Red Chinese-owned Foreign Trading Agency for two-way trade which was expected eventually to total £50,000,000.

On their return to Britain, however, the British businessmen found their plans snarled by a Board of Trade refusal to grant export licences for some £23,000,000 worth of goods to Red China because they were judged to be "strategic material."

Diplomatic sources believed that Red China saw the British restrictions on trade as a lack of goodwill.

They added that the Red China Government sees the expansion of trade as the first step towards regularising diplomatic relations and that full diplomatic exchange should be the last step in this process.

There appears to be a variance of views between the Board of Trade and businessmen here as to the definition of "strategic materials."

Official sources said that some of the items named in the "firm contracts" signed by the British delegation in Peking on July 6 are "borderline cases." These are still under consideration and may be licensed for export if progress is made in the Korean peace settlement.—United Press.

Dulles

Speech Outlines The Basic Principle Of U.S. Foreign Policy

Washington, Sept. 2.
The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, today threatened to carry war onto the territory of Communist China if it committed new armed aggression in either Indo-China or Korea.

Mr Dulles made very strong statements to this effect in the text of a carefully prepared speech to the American Legion Convention in St Louis in which he outlined anew the basic principle of the foreign policy of the Eisenhower Administration.

This was that past wars could have been prevented and future wars can be prevented if it is made clear to potential aggressors in advance that their acts of aggression will lead to "a hard fight and perhaps a losing fight."

Mr Dulles underlined this policy today by stating "that peace could not be won by 'pacifism' or by accepting 'the roll of doormat'."

Mr. Dulles' reference to carrying a resumed Korean war beyond Korea was contained in his interpretation of the declaration made by the United States, Britain and 14 other nations with forces in Korea immediately after the signing of the Korean truce.

This was the declaration in which they warned Communist China against the consequences of breaching the truce and added: "The consequences of such a breach of the armistice would be so grave that in all probability it would not be possible to confine hostilities within the frontiers of Korea."

Mr Dulles' speech today was the first official U.S. Government interpretation of this passage in the declaration which has aroused controversy in Britain and been the subject of interpretative statements both by the Foreign Office and 10 Downing Street.

MORE EXTENSIVE

By implication and context Mr Dulles' interpretation suggests that the United States regards this passage as involving a commitment more precise and extensive than that understood by the British Government.

First, Mr Dulles interprets the passage as making it "clear" to the Communists in general that if they resume the war they can "no longer count on a 'privileged sanctuary' for their bases north of the Yalu River in Manchuria."

The British position as outlined by the Foreign Office and 10 Downing Street appears to be that nothing on the subject has been made clear either to the Communists or anyone because the statement does not commit Britain to anything except in one particular set of circumstances.

These particular circumstances are outlined in the commitment made by the British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, in 1951 that only "heavy air attacks from bases in China were made upon the United Nations forces in Korea would they associate themselves with action not confined to Korea."

Secondly, Mr Dulles quotes the passage in the 10-nation declaration under the heading in his prepared text of "deterrents to new aggression" as an example of the policy of making it clear to aggressors in advance what nations will actually do if aggression occurs.

CANNOT ACCEPT

The British Government could not presumably accept this position as they have interpreted the passage literally as one of probabilities and not as a threat or commitment.

Mr Dulles' reference in his speech to the declaration appears misleading in one respect. It omits the definition of a breach of the peace which precedes in the declaration the consequences of "such a breach of the armistice."

This was defined by the 16 nations as "a renewal of the armed attack, challenging again the principles of the United Nations."

On another point Mr Dulles accepts in his speech for the first time the condition that the breach of the armistice must be "unprovoked" to bring into operation the terms of the declaration. The actual declaration did not refer specifically to an "unprovoked breach of the armistice."

Both the United Nations and the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, have emphasised that the declaration was concerned solely with an "unprovoked" breach.

Sir Winston on August 15 said he was making this point because of talk by South Korean President Syngman Rhee of the possibility of resuming the fighting after an armistice if his requirements were not met in the post-truce political conference.

Mr Dulles went on to apply to the Indo-Chinese situation the same principle and language as that contained in the 16-

nation declaration of Korea. He stated that if Red China sent its own army to Indo-China there would follow "grave consequences which might not be confined to Indo-China."

Officials today said that this was the first time that a high Government spokesman had made such a declaration about Indo-China in so many words but that its import might be deduced from several statements made by the United States and French spokesmen after the Foreign Ministers' conference. Such statements have warned Communist China that if the struggle in Korea is used to transfer aggression to Indo-China the consequences would be grave.

French spokesmen have, however, not previously referred to extension of the Indo-Chinese war to Chinese territory. It has not been possible to establish whether Mr Dulles' statement today was made after consultation with the French Government.—China Mail Special.

SNEER AT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

London, Sept. 2.
Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper, said today that whenever American diplomacy suffers a reverse at the United Nations, "it begins to shout that this international organisation does not answer the purpose and is not the instrument it should be."

Commenting on the Boston speech in which Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, called for a revision of the United Nations Charter, Pravda said "this demand was 'dictated' by the desire of the ruling elements of the United States to turn this organisation entirely into an auxiliary agent of the American State Department."

Neither the British Government nor the British press agreed with Mr Dulles' demand, it said. This was by no means the result of any sympathy with the Communist world but a realisation of the true American aims of consolidating "their dictatorial position in the capitalist world."—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S RESERVES UP AGAIN

London, Sept. 2.
During August Britain's gold and dollar reserves increased by \$13 million, the Treasury announced today. This increase brought them to \$2,469 million on August 31.

The increase occurred after taking account of \$19 million of defence aid received from the United States but also after special payments totalling \$45 million.

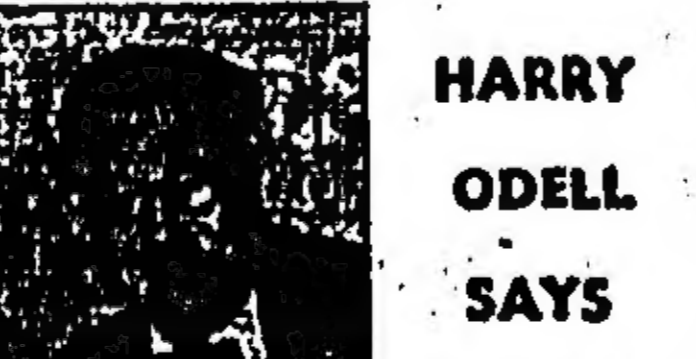
One of these was a payment of \$6 million to the European Payments Union, in part settlement of the sterling area's July deficit with the Union.

The other was a lump sum repayment of \$39 million to Canada on the 1942 loan. This repayment was part of the recent arrangement for handling the remnant of this Canadian wartime loan to Britain.

There will be no similar debit in coming months, as the remaining \$150 million of this loan is to be repaid over a period of years.

Provisionally, the Treasury also announced that Britain also had a deficit of £10,000,000 (nearly \$30 million) with the European Payments Union in August.

This will be settled during September, half of it by a dollar payment by Britain to the Union, and the other half by an increase of Britain's debt to the Union.—Reuter.



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★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO SAY 'THANKS' TO MR LEN HUTTON

NEW YORK, Tuesday. HERE isn't a foreign correspondent in London who is not cabling enthusiastic reports about the British recovery. I don't see the dispatches the foreign diplomats stationed there send to their Governments, but I am pretty sure they are telling the same story of the great resurgence of Great Britain.

The come-back makes delightful reading here. For years I have been toiling through gloomy reports listing bankruptcy, aghast, austerities as the cardinal characteristics of post-war Britain. And when I suggested now and again the funeral was premature, that it was possibly too soon to dig the grave, I didn't get much of a heart in except from occasional housewives who wrote and said they thought they could see a "chink of light at the end of the tunnel."

The chorus

NOW the chink of light becomes a bright image and perhaps soon a blazing sun. The chief mourners have become as gay as wedding guests. Mr. Michael Hoffman, of the New York Times, a specialist in economics and knowledge of international finance, was the master of melancholia in his dispatches on "Britain's dire straits."

But now Mr Hoffman is positively exuberant, writing

of "the pleasant glow of prosperity that has spread over Britain," putting his name to dispatches headlined "Britain prosperous and high-spending."

And the Brothers Alsop, Joseph and Stewart, who were solemnly informing the American public that if they didn't buy Jaguar motor-cars then the British would go without breakfast, are talking of "booming business—economic recovery that is so striking a phenomenon in Great Britain."

Other columnists and correspondents join in the chorus. They report we have money, we have goods, and, praise be, we have character.

I feel in this period of rapture that it is a pity that the Americans do not play cricket or understand cricket. There have been some fumbling attempts to explain to the bewildered baseball fans just what the Test matches mean and even the Ashes have been defined, but no one has bothered to describe what "silly mid-on" means and even "lbw" has them stumped.

Actually, the psychological warfare warriors should all take a course in cricket. It would help them so much. At the United Nations delegates are saying to each other: "There seems to be a tremendous self-assurance about the British. They are all very confident and cock-a-hoop—what's the reason, do you suppose?" I could tell them in two words—"the Ashes"; but I'm afraid they would not understand.

Solitary welcome

I HAVE a personal interest in this British Test victory. After our resounding defeat in Australia in the last Test series, I received a message from the M.C.C. team, then in New Zealand. The message said that the team would be passing through New York on their flight back home and that Len Hutton and some of the others would like me to show them the town.

I went to La Guardia Airport to meet 10 sunburned, sad, cricketers. There was no one else there except a group of airline officials. No one from the British Embassy, no one from the British Consulate, and not even a solitary fan.

It turned out that the team were booked to fly back to London on Pan American Airways. I said to Len Hutton and to Denis Compton: "This looks bad—a British team should travel back on a British airliner. Do you think New York Glints or Yankees wouldn't use their own ships?"

Hutton and Compton agreed, so I transferred the entire M.C.C. team to BOAC, winning BOAC's gratitude and not annoying Pan American overmuch. Len Hutton said: "Many thanks—if ever I can do anything for you let me know."

I said: "You can win the next Test series." Hutton, a snail's pace man, made no promise then, but he has delivered now.

I hope the M.C.C. travel via New York again. This time we really will do the town.

It has been an exciting week in New York. Not at all the usual August doldrums and dog-days.

There has been Dr Alfred Kinsey and his "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female," confirmation that Russia has the hydrogen bomb, a major controversy in the United Nations, Dr Kinsey, the arrival of Adlai Stevenson, Dr Kinsey, a tour of the town by President Eisenhower, and, er... Dr Kinsey.

Unimpressive

IT has not been an impressive performance at the U.N.—by anyone or any nation. The United States has gone all out as the super-Power rather than as a member of the community of nations.

The U.S. tendency is to throw off restraints and cut strings which she generally finds irksome. The New York Post announces: "U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge is presiding over the liquidation of the American position of strength in the U.N." This is an exaggeration but there has been an American slump.

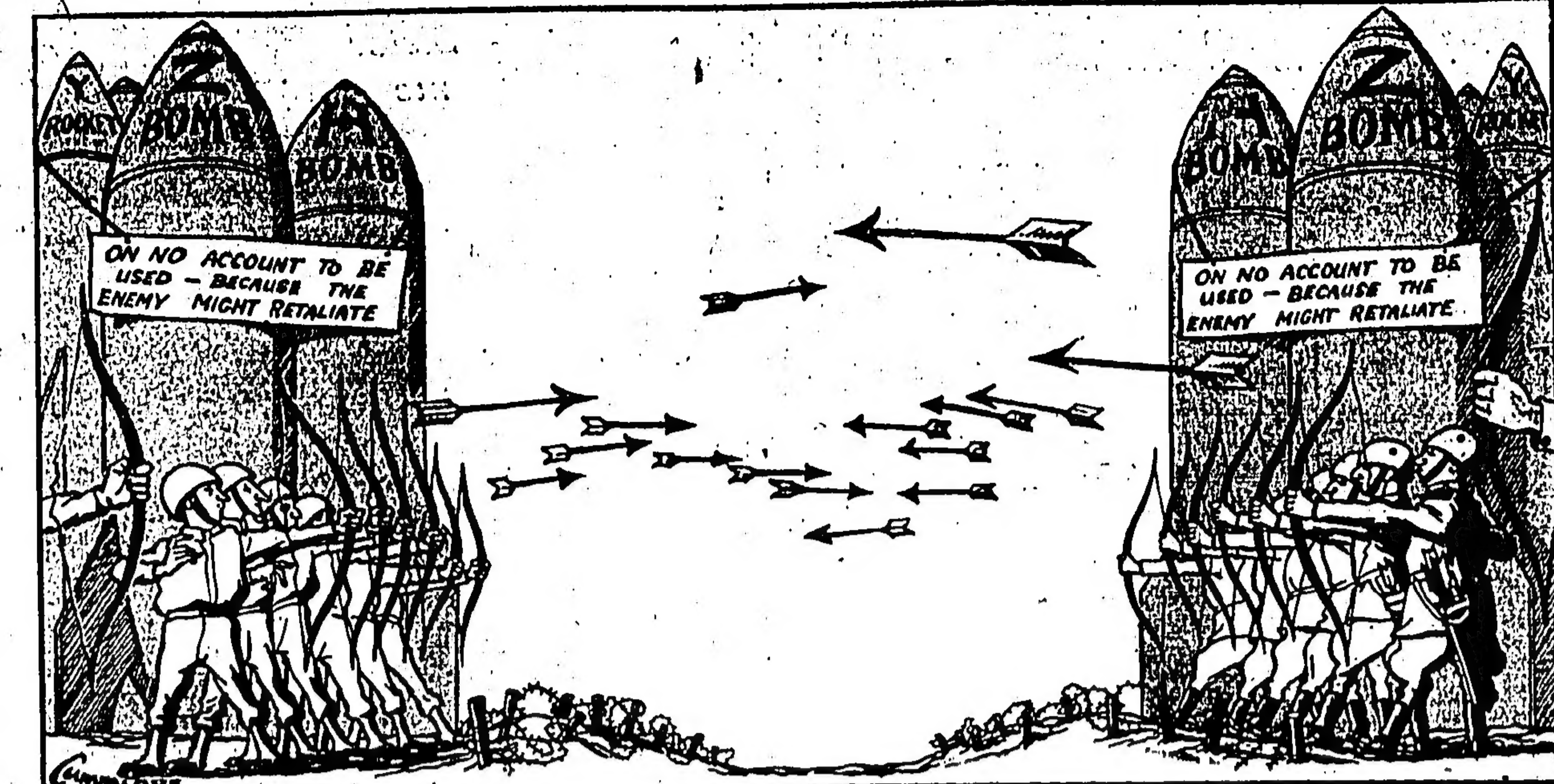
This time we cannot blame John Foster Dulles, for he was on Duck Island, in Lake Ontario, where the only communication is through a Canadian lighthouse-keeper who receives radio dispatches along with his weather reports. There is no telephone, no telegraph office, in fact, a gas and no electricity. Mr Dulles said he wanted a taste of the primitive life and he is having it. Some United Nations delegates think they are also having a taste of the primitive at the peace palace.

You should understand that what Lodge is doing apparently has the backing of the public and most of the Press. "You tell them, Cabot," has become a rallying-cry. Incidentally, a sentence which appeared in last week's Diary in some editions and which apparently puzzled several readers should have read: "Millions of Americans are exasperated that the British are against exterminating the Russians." Against, and not "again," as appeared.

Frayed nerves

THE U.S. thinks we are appraising the Soviets and would only be too happy if we were exasperating them.

The hydrogen or hell-bomb announcement has frayed American nerves and those of other countries too. For months also, or rather years, we have had air-raid rehearsals here and the roads have big signs: "In the event of enemy attack this highway will be closed to traffic." So now I expect a lot more raid rehearsals and more enemy attack signs on the roads. Adlai Stevenson at least brought wisdom to the troubled city when he stepped smilingly off his plane after his six-month tour. He conceded American prestige abroad has been hurt by "book-burning and purges." But, he said, the prestige could be restored. Stevenson is dog-tired but doesn't look it. He slept in 30 different beds in 30 countries and has come to the conclusion that whatever else he lacks he has stamina.



Back to where it all started...

London Express Service

MY SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

By MAMIE BAIRD

The true story of two girls in search of the strangers who saved their brother's life—a search which had one of the simplest objects in the world: to say 'Thank you'.

They all shook hands with us outside Macerata, now a cigarette factory.

We sped through the countryside that Archie had tramped by night to the Piottis place, which was a good bit out of St Angelo, and we tried one vine-covered cottage after another before I saw a figure I recognised from a photograph, looming beside a house.

The family

IT was Julio, the father, brown, smiling, blinking in the sunshine. He knew us at once (Archie had written to the married daughter, who can read, to say that we might be coming).

Mamma came running on bare feet, a motherly woman with a strong face and kind eyes. Son Gino was behind her, his wife, Elia, and their baby daughter.

It was as if we had known them all our lives, this simple family, who scrape a bare existence from their scrap of land, who are too poor to eat meat or butter, or to buy new clothes, but who fed and clothed and housed a former enemy (Italy had just capitulated when he escaped) because his need was greater than theirs.

I threw away my scraps of paper, and the words of thanks came easily. I remembered phrases, made up words and, amazingly, was understood.

His window

THEY showed us the tiny white-washed attic that Gino had shared with "Ard," the window at which he used to watch for the Fascists, prancing on one of their periodic searches for escaped prisoners.

They showed us the road to the woods, the cave to which they carried him when he had malaria and the house was being reached.

We saw the church, he attended on Sundays with his six feet and half an inch crammed into Julio's Sunday suit, the plough and oxen that he drove for them, the field where he grew Indian corn and potatoes.

Mamma made a special soup in our honour, and our car driver was invited to join in the meal. There were hunks of dry, sour bread, small pears, a huge apple each, and vino. Teetotalers both, we drank the strong steady wine without a murmur.

They give all

WE handed out presents before we left. Mamma went off and returned with four eggs and a round of cheese.

We took them to make her happy and were not far from tears as they waved us down the sun-baked road.

I understood what the driver was saying on the way back to Macerata: "These peasant people they give you all they have and then they give you this"—and he pointed to his heart.

We were back in time for dinner, hot, tired, hungry—and humble.

Yet when he asked us to follow him we fondly believed he was showing us the way to the bus, and were shocked to find ourselves in the railway police station. It seemed that without a passport piece we couldn't move.

He went outside, and I followed him, protesting in sign language and Italian that seemed to come from nowhere that we had no time to wait. I told him where we were going. His face softened. That was different.

Anna was all for taking the next train back to Cattolica, but I had the bit in my mouth. After a frenzied hunt through the phrase book I announced: "Desidero un taxi." A porter rushed to the telephone and a station in five minutes. Again there were handshakes. Then we were off.

The driver was under the impression that we were going to see our brother's grave in St. Angelo (so much for my Italian), but when we had put him right he showed us the prison camp

The train times were on a third sheet of paper: Leave Cattolica 6.30 a.m. for Civitanova, change for Macerata, arriving approx. 10.30 a.m. Bus (we hoped) to St Angelo, return to catch 2.15 p.m. from Macerata, change Civitanova, change Pears, arriving Cattolica 6.30 p.m.

We set off

SAID the hotel manager: "Non e possibile," not knowing the Scots.

So we set off as the sun was coming up to the bolt, with ear-piercing hunches, a booklet entitled, "How to Get All You Want in Italy (or Sicily)," and one of those huge Italian railway tickets-for-two that seem to puzzle even their own ticket collectors.

Rehearsing my Italian was impossible in the crowded compartment because somebody had produced a portable radio and everyone was listening to the latest cycle race bulletin as if Italians can listen. The noise they made was deafening.

Then somebody noticed that we were not taking part and decided we were foreigners. The man next to me knew some French, and when I had told him where we were going and he had passed it on to the rest of the compartment the radio was switched off and we became the centre of interest.

WE brought back more than a sun tan from our holiday on the Italian Riviera.

They said at the hotel that we could never do it in 12 hours. And now it does seem a short time to have travelled 200 miles up and down the Adriatic coast in five trains and a hired car, learned a new language, got into police hands, broken a lifelong pledge of teetotalism, and made a speech of thanks that had been delayed ten years.

100 miles away

IT was to say Thank you that my sister and I forsook our strip of sunny beach at Cattolica, belle of the Adriatic Riviera, for the hazards of a journey on the local Italian railway.

We had discovered that Cattolica was 100 miles from the prison camp at Macerata which our brother left one night in 1943 through a hole in the barbed wire.

From there it was another 20 miles to the

Piottis, a peasant family who hid him for nearly a year, defying the German Army, Fascist diehards, and bills posted in their village of St Angelo-in-Pontana, promising death to those who harboured escaped prisoners.

So, ten years later, we decided to go and say thank you—not the easiest of missions when you consider that we could not speak Italian, they could not understand English, and it would have been useless to ask someone to write what we wanted to say in Italian, because the Piottis cannot read.

But an SOS to Scotland brought a letter from my brother with a few conversational pieces in Italian for me to learn by heart. ("Show us the cave in the woods where Archie hid when he was on the run," "Where did Archie sleep?" "He hopes to visit you next year." "Did you get the last parcel he sent you?" "Play the accordion for us, Julio.")

I couldn't see this lasting me more than the first five minutes, so I asked the hotel receptionist, who spoke English, to write me a little speech of thanks.

MUSSOLINI THE LOVER WAS SO MEAN

ROBERT BLAKE EXAMINES A NEW VIEW OF THE HALF-PINT DUCE

MUSSOLINI! The very absurd buffoon, that thought of that posturing charlatan, that inflated bullfrog, brings laughter to the lips.

Other dictators have no doubt been intellectually worth equal contempt. Hitler, and Stalin, too, followed in at least as much rubbish as ever Mussolini believed in. Yet there was something about them, and the sinister power that they exercised, which induces—not that I mean to say of admiration—but a sort of reluctant respect which we concede to anyone who inspires fear and terror on so vast a scale.

But Mussolini, no. Ridiculous—and often laughable—ridiculous at that—seem the inevitable reaction to almost everything he said or did.

Mr Paolo Monelli's admirable biography confirms this view. It is an excellent book written with scholarly care, and is worthy of high commendation.

Mr Monelli writes well, never obtrudes his own personality,

and allows his remarkable story to tell itself.

What an odd personality emerged! Mussolini, the ruthless dictator, the Napoleonic hero, the man who wished to revive the stern virtues of Ancient Rome, turns out to be an incompetent blunderer; drunk with grandeur, surrounded by creatures and sycophants.

He was a bad administrator. He knew nothing of military matters. His only real flair was for publicity and popularity, and that could only serve him while his policy was reasonably successful.

The blunderer

PERHAPS the part of Mr Monelli's book which will be most novel to English readers is the account of Mussolini's amorous activities. For despite his own reference to his decisions "made in the night, in the solitude of my mind, and unsolicited life," Mussolini was as ardent a devotee to Venus as ever a man was.

His mistresses were many, his casual encounters innumerable. His success must be explained, less by the intrinsic pleasure involved than by the prestige at-

tached by women to having the Duce as their lover. For, if Mr Monelli is right, it was not all that much fun to be favoured by Mussolini.

The Duce's methods were crude, his love-making rough and violent.

One woman relates how he squeezed her "just as if he were sounding an old-fashioned motor horn."

He was apt to shout and curse at the top of his voice, for which reason a deaf attendant was attached to the rooms at the Palazzo Venezia where he used to meet his mistresses.

Sometimes he would essay to soothe his partner's nerves by playing the violin, but he was an indifferent performer. As Margherita Sarfatti, one of his earlier lovers, observed, "he was a dictator even when music was concerned, and had no respect for style or form."

It was popularly rumoured that, with all the resources of the State at his command, Mussolini showered the most lavish gifts upon his favourites. But the reality was quite different. On the contrary he was

enormously mean—one of the stingiest lovers that ever lived.

In his earlier days he would sometimes offer a cigarette or half a bottle of wine. Later he abstained even from these gifts, although he always kept a little ready cash for any woman who frankly asked for money.

Even Claretta Petacci, the most celebrated of his mistresses, who shared her lover's grudge, received scarcely any material benefits from him.

The notion current in Rome that she had two thousand pairs of shoes and priceless jewels from the Duce was as Mr Monelli puts it, "the sheerest fantasy." Despite her strong hints the most he would ever give her was 500 lire two or three times a year to buy herself a new dress.

Racketeers

THE luxurious house, in which she lived (now converted into a restaurant) was built by her father, and Mussolini contributed nothing. As for the luxuries which Claretta Petacci did enjoy, their extent was much exaggerated, and, in any case, they were largely gifts from business men

and others who hoped in this way to gain favours from the head of the State.

Yet, oddly enough, his affair with Claretta Petacci did him more harm than any other.

This was partly due to the rapacity of her relations, whose racketeering became notorious, partly because the affair coincided with the general decline of Mussolini's popularity. Moreover, as Mr Monelli says, "for Italians mistresses are such a normal part of a man's life that they only became worth talking about where the story is tinged with tragedy or romance." And these elements the Petacci supplied to the full.

There were continual scenes, there were clandestine meetings which everyone knew about, there were blows, there were emotional reconciliations.

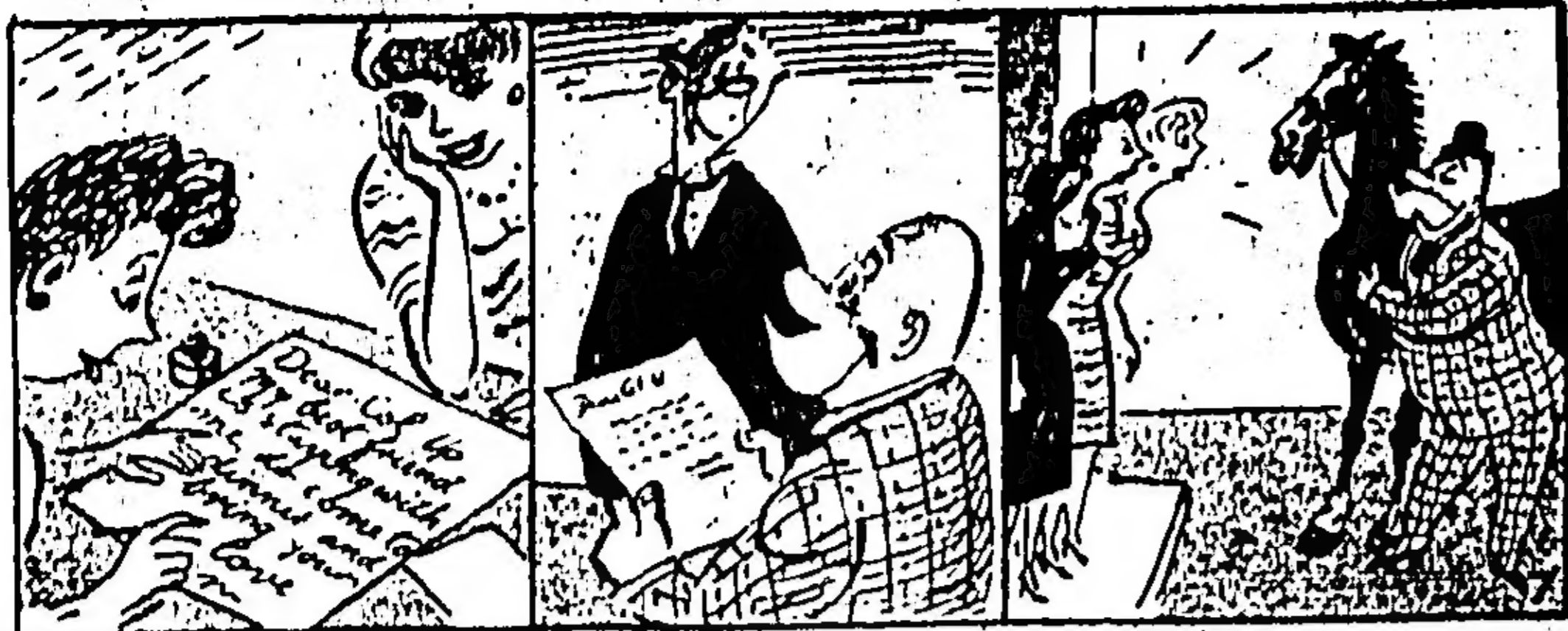
Again and again during the war Mussolini tried to end their relations, but Claretta was genuinely devoted to him, and the aging Duce found it less easy to break off the affair than he would have at an earlier time. She was with him right to the end, and when Mussolini's body was hung upside down in that final miserable scene at the Piazzale Loreto in Milan, the body of his mistress swung beside him.

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

THE proposed lifting of the ban on investment and trusts will have to be a gradual process, and a distinction must be made between the two.

When there is an increase of capital from a unit trust, the proportion of interest in the fund diminishes in the ratio of four to three. With an investment trust the revenue is true since the arbitrary transfer of reserve capital can only be effected by a raid on the appropriation fund. This dislocates a joint-stock trust in such a way as to disturb the balance of proportional equitability increases. As for the process known as overall levelling off, that is mere share-shuffling.

Foulmouth clarifies

the issue

CAPTAIN FOULMOUTH informs me that his horse Damon, alias Curried Prawn, which was entered at Newmarket some years ago as Proud Chieftain, turned out to be an unknown horse called, mistakenly, Sorrel Sorrel. His real name was Peter Potter. Curried Prawn, which ran at Lewes as Stockton Marston and again at Brighton as King Wenceslas, was actually my horse Damon. Now named w/o Curried Prawn, Fulham Road when Marchmont II, running as Flying Joe, was substituted for it. Happy Ending has nothing to do with all this, and is a horse named Runabout, which my old friend, Ted Longshot, races as Yellow Glory. I hope this clears matters up a bit.

In passing

A indefatigable guest who insists on finishing an argument recalls to me the fact that high-spirited Tourangelle, Ninon de Lenclos, One evening in her salon two learned men were talking their heads off about the domestic customs of the Spartans. "Gentlemen," said Ninon, "under what time the Spartans retired to bed?"

A feast of music

A petition, no two bands must play simultaneously, seems to be full of common sense. As the famous Brunswick-square Festival two bands (Nunston Gas Corporation and the Weymouth Brassbands) got off the mark together. Nunston played "Pere in Victoria" and the Weymouth countered with "In a Monastery Garden." While the judges were intervening, up came the Nantwich Flavers with "Thora," quickly followed by Plymouth Grocers' Select Twelve with "Tom Bowling." One of the judges blew a whistle, but the sound was mistaken as a solo from old Ben Barlow of the Twickenham and Popesgrove Foundation Band. So pandemonium continued to reign until the storm had blown itself out.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Simple Play Is Way To Contract

NORTH (D)		5
♠	J983	
♥	A1065	
♦	A K	
♣	A Q J	
WEST		EAST
♠	72	♠ K Q 105
♥	K 32	♥ J 987
♦	10 9 8 7 3	♦ 5 5 2
♣	5 4 2	♣ K 6
SOUTH		
♠	A 6 4	
♥	Q 4	
♦	J 4	
♣	10 9 8 7 3	
North-South vul.		
North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1NT
2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 10		

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE shortest road home is the best in bridge as in anything else. Look for a simple plan to make your contract, and beware of complications.

When today's hand was actually played, South tried to make his contract by "general direction." He won the first trick in dummy with the king of diamonds and returned a low heart towards his queen. What was South's plan for the hand? Nobody will ever know, but it wasn't a good idea.

West won with the king of hearts, noting the fact that his partner had played the nine. West therefore returned a heart, and dummy's finessing of the ten lost to East's jack. East switched suits once more, this time to the king of spades.

Now South's position was pretty hopeless. Whether he took the spade trick or not, he was in a hopeless muddle. South actually refused the trick, whereupon East switched back to hearts. No matter what declarer did the defenders were bound to get at least three hearts, a spade, and a club.

The game contract is easily made if South merely plans his plays carefully at the beginning. After winning the first trick with the king of diamonds, declarer must cash the ace of diamonds and continue with the ace and queen of clubs.

East takes the king of clubs and returns the king of spades, thus forcing out South's ace. Now declarer can cash the queen of diamonds to discard dummy's jack of clubs. This enables him to stay in his own hand and take the rest of the clubs. Hence South can surely win four clubs, three diamonds, one spade, and one heart.

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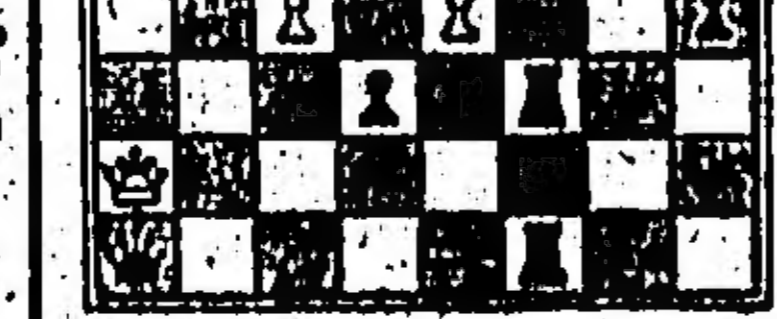
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WOMANSENSE

Will the Queen choose these from Paris?

ROYAL FLUSH

IN FOUR HATS

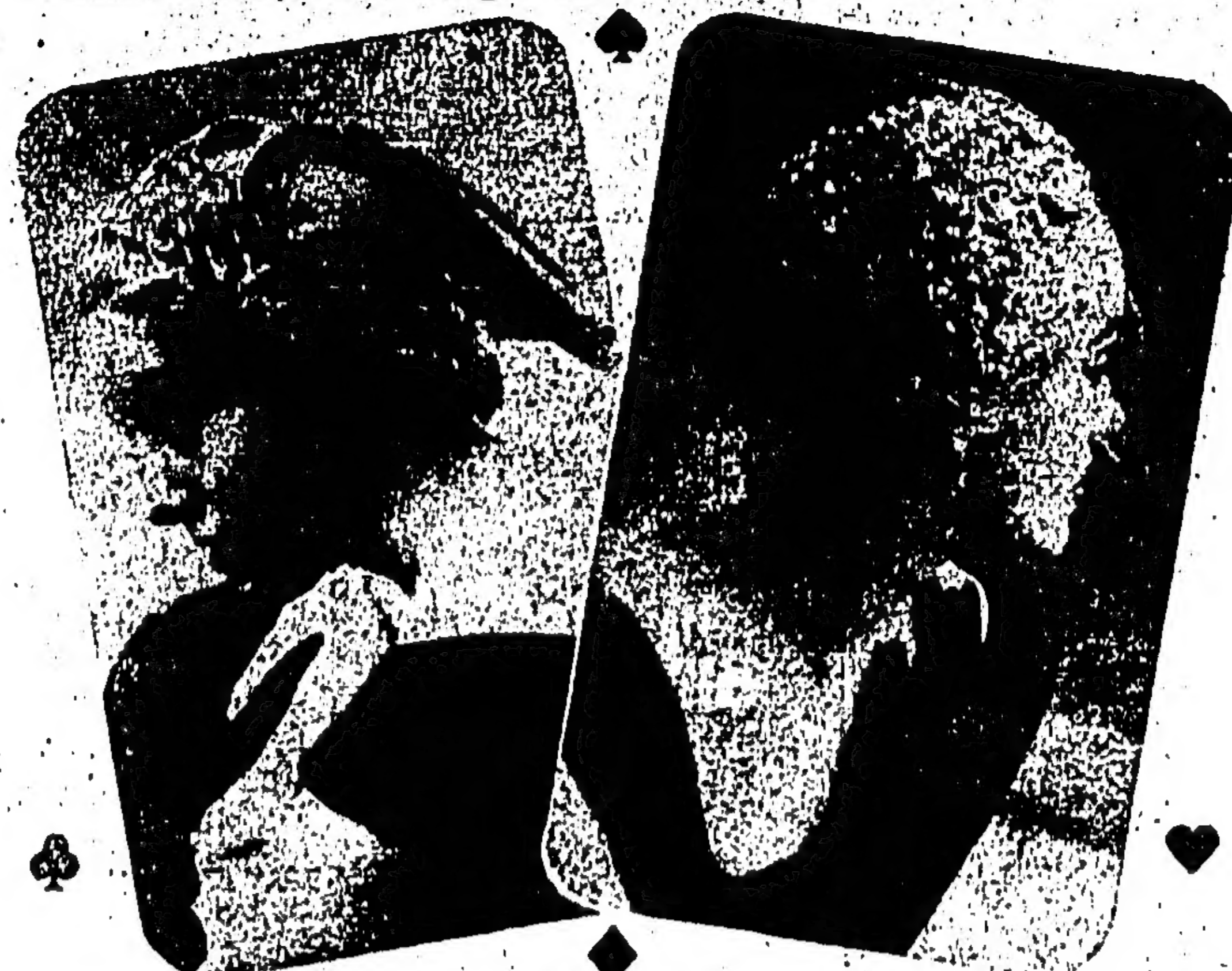
WILL the Queen wear these hats—the newest thing in Paris now? The four pictured here all have a possible buyer in common—the Queen. They belong to the collection which Madame St. Cyr, one of the top French milliners, is now showing—and which she will bring to Norman Hartnell's in London next month.

Madame St. Cyr first brought her

collection to Hartnell's last spring, and this summer the Queen has been seen wearing several of her hats.

Point worth noticing is that the new St. Cyr styles all seem to follow the off-the-face, off-the-side line that the Royal Family favours. It may well be that the Queen's potential custom has had this effect on the designers.

—Venetia Murray



Crystal drops or sequins?

NOW let's look at the hats in detail. The big pictures above show a light khaki petal cap with crystal drops embroidered on the front and a wavy tail of silk at the back, and (right) a cocktail cap of pink sequins, clustered with flowers, and trimmed with a pink tulle veil.

Smaller pictures are (left) a black velvet beret trimmed with scallops of light ribbed wool, and (right) a dark blue waffle silk cap with a wide band of black velvet.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Tree That's Good to Nibble

—That's What the Caterpillars Were Looking For—

By MAX TRELL

CLARENCE and Archibald, the two caterpillars, were walking side by side along the road on a very pleasant summer's afternoon when they came to a telephone pole. They both stopped to look at it.

"No," agreed Clarence, "and it doesn't seem to have any leaves."

"It's a strange tree that hasn't got branches or leaves," said Archibald.

"Ah, here comes a beetle!" said Clarence. "He lives in this neighbourhood. I'll ask him about this tree."

By this time the beetle came up close to Clarence and Archibald. "I beg your pardon," said Clarence. "My friend Archibald and I were wondering about this tall straight tree which doesn't seem to have any branches or leaves. Do you happen to know anything about it?"

The beetle, who was carrying a rock on his back and was in a hurry to get home so he could take the rock off, merely said: "It's a telephone pole," and scurried off.

Archibald looked at Clarence, and Clarence looked at Archibald. "It's a telephone pole," they both said at the same time. Then they walked on, because they knew without anyone telling them that there's no use nibbling a telephone pole. It just doesn't taste good.

Another Tall Pole

So they walked on and on along the road until at length they came to another tall wooden pole. Only this one had a big round white light hanging from the end of a single wooden arm. It was a road lamp-post.

Clarence and Archibald stopped to examine it.

After several minutes, Clarence said: "It isn't a tree. It isn't a telephone pole. What do you think it is, Archibald?"

"I haven't got the slightest idea," answered Archibald, "except that it might be a tall apple-bush. I see a white apple hanging up there at the end of a branch."

At that moment a sparrow came along to pick up a bit of bread that was lying on the ground. "I beg your pardon, Sparrow," said Archibald, "would you mind telling us whether this is an apple-bush?"

Clarence and Archibald were happy when they got back to the country and found a regular tree with branches and leaves growing in the middle of a meadow.

They both stopped to take a very long, earnest look at it.

Then they both looked at each other and nodded.

Then they both climbed up the trunk. Finally, when they had both nibbled a big hole in a leaf, they looked at each other again.

"Yes!" said Clarence. "Yes, indeed!" said Archibald. "It certainly is a CERTAINLY it is a tree!" they both said together.

SHE SAW HER OPPORTUNITY

By Anne Heywood

IN my mother's time, most young women were married shortly after school and without the interim of business or professional experience. This was harder on them if later on they ever found it necessary to support themselves, but easier, on the other hand, because they never had to make the adjustment between the busy and exciting life with their own salary, and the somewhat lonely life as a home-maker with children.

Every day, though, I hear instances of how young mothers have capitalised on their past instead of simply mourning it.

Mrs. S. R. is a perfect example, and has given me permission to use her story. "Before I was married," she told me, "I taught physical education. Dancing was really my specialty, and I worked out excellent rhythmic exercises for some of my students who were overweight."

Right Work

Here she went into an enthusiastic description of how wonderful it is to see fat, flabby people turn into lithe, slender ones. You could tell that this had indeed been exactly the right work for her.

"After my children were born," she went on, "I kept up my own dance work-out, and my figure came back very fast. In fact, my obstetrician got quite interested, and I showed him what the exercises were. They are done to music, you see, and are therefore much less tedious. Also, they develop grace, help posture and increase skill at ballroom dancing."

"It was my doctor who suggested that I might start a little class for women who wanted to tone up their muscles and develop liteness and grace. Now, right in my home, I have my class once a week. The word has gone around, and I get re-



She Holds an Exercise Class Once a Week in Her Home!

ferences not only by word of mouth from past students, but from doctors, obstetricians, health stores, nurses, and so forth. It's an excellent activity that I can do at home and still make a certain amount of money."

Moral: No experience is ever wasted unless you yourself permit it to be.

FOR MORE FIGURE CONTROL

By ELEANOR ROSS

MORE figure control is what the new foundation garments boast about this season. They do cover more figure, as a matter of fact, so they have a right to the claim.

Waistbands go higher for slimmer midriffs, and garments are longer for a slimmer neckline. The bustline is more nature. Fabrics and elastics are getting closer to "featherweight," which means more cool comfort, more ease in washing.

There's more cotton than usual in the new garments, and lots of firm fabric in place of boning. One-piece foundations go in for more defining waist-shaping with alternate panels of satin elastic and strong net. Effective and decorative corsets are made of taffeta with bust cups in embroidered sheers.

Gaiety As Well

The junior set, of course, demands gaiety as well as comfort, and gets it in elusively ginghams, girdles and bras, or in two-colour, two-way stretch-elastic. Garter belts of interwoven ribbon look pretty and do a good job.

No matter what goes over it, the strapless bra continues to be a favourite. It is now a basic style for daytime covered-up dresses as well as for play and evening wear.

In general, bras for the months ahead have longer lines, many with waist-length bands for diaphragm control.

You can be pretty sure that, despite all these changes in design and fabric, one of the new foundation garments is designed for the easiest of soap and water care. And you don't have to give a thought that there will be any fading or bleeding of the new high colours. While it is still the big favourite, nothing out pink. But there are some new yellow, beige and, of course, black and navy blue, too. Some of the white garments have a dainty trim of ribbon or embroidery in pastel blue, pink or lilac.

Wash Frequently

Despite all the ease in upkeep, careful, frequent washing is important. An elasticised girdle or bra must never be wrung out or subjected to very hot water. Warm soda and gentle squeezing is the rule.

Bras, incidentally, are using far more elastic in their construction this year, some having all-elasticised cups as well as back bands and side inserts. So don't rub them with anything harsher than a soft brush or your fingertips.

Foundation garments should be dried at room temperature, blotting out excess moisture with a towel. Shape bras with your hands as you hang them to dry, and smooth out ribbons and fluting to keep them new-looking.

Household Hints

Prolong the life of wood or metal trays by giving them a coat of clear shellac. This will protect them, and make them easier to wipe clean with a dampened cloth.

An old safety razor blade is excellent for removing labels from windows, panes, a good deal harder than for ripping labels.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

BORN today, you are one of those rare combinations of the artistic and the practical. You seem to know how to make money in the arts—something that few seem to manage successfully. Literature, drama, poetry, music and art are all within the sphere of your interest.

Although you can be gregarious, when the mood moves you, you have an inner life which few share. You are a person of moods and can be the life of the party at times, at others, if you are still single, your attitude will determine which.

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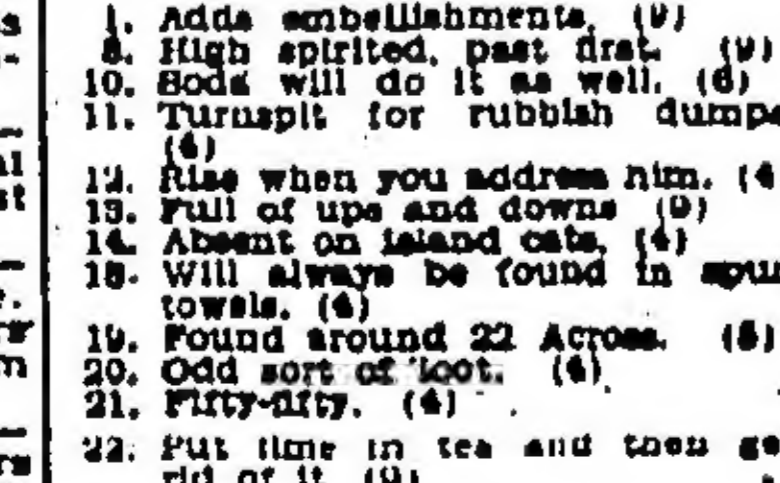
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Your intuitions are strong and you have a "sixth" sense which seems to warn you of danger and sometimes of what is to come. It is likely that your dreams are vivid, and might hold a definite meaning if you were to have them interpreted.

It is likely that you may not wed until along toward middle age, for you are rather exacting when it comes to selecting someone with whom to spend the rest of your life. There will probably be one vivid love in your youth. If this does not culminate in marriage, you might never wed.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

CROSSWORD



1. Adda embellishment. (V)
2. High spirited, past that. (V)
3. God will do it as well. (V)
4. Tumbler for rubbish dumps. (V)
5. Name when you address him. (4)
6. Full of ups and downs. (9)
7. Absent on island cats. (4)
8. Will always be found in spin towns. (4)
9. Pound around 22 Across. (8)
10. Odd sort of foot. (4)
11. Fifty-fifty. (4)
12. Put time in tea and town get rid of it. (9)
13. Without a bean. (V)
14. You'll be passing out if you get this. (4)
15. It's to blame. (7)
16. Re-write your name and leave. (4)
17. Vehicle mixed up in a down. (4)
18. Music for a change of scene. (8)
19. Animal found among the trees? (4)
20. Just about the bottom of things. (4)
21. He let the web she left the. (4)
22. Pompeii's around. (4)
23. Odd sort of foot. (4)
24. Something. (4)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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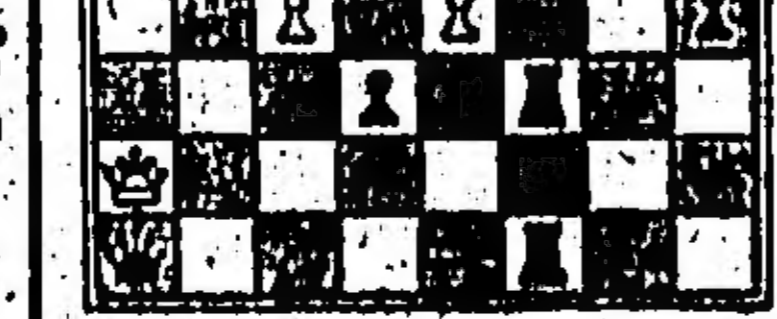
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Rupert and the Pepper-Rose—25



The pepper-rose has just the same effect on the leading lady as on everyone else and he is taken at once with a violent fit of sneezing. The other lads are indignant at what they think is a trick and they seize Rupert and pull him down, but the Leader stops them. "Let him alone," he orders. "Spring flowers are our ally, but this one is none of our doing. Tell me, little bear, where did you find it? Are there more of them? This matter is important to us."

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RUPERT and the DOUBLE DREAM

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THE ASHES HAVE BEEN REGAINED, BUT ENGLAND MUST BEGIN REBUILDING

Says PETER DITTON

Apart from the fact that England regained the Ashes after an interval of 20 years, the 1953 fight for the Ashes will not be remembered for the quality of the play.

The margin between the two teams was small and the destination of the Ashes was not decided until the final Test. It was not that the sides were particularly skilful. Rather was it that neither had big enough ammunition to go for an outright win.

For four matches the rival captains sparred for an opening. Their primary concern was to avoid defeat and only when this risk had been minimised to the outcome of a single match did they concern themselves with winning.

Only in the final fixture at the Oval was the gauntlet thrown down. Then, England,

by selecting five bowlers at the expense of a batsman, made it obvious that they at least were out for victory. Australia answered this challenge by packing their all-rounders and pace men into the side and omitting their spinners. This decision led to their downfall. They had no one to match the skill of Lock and Laker. Their speed men could not get any life out of an easy paced wicket.

will have to admit he is launched upon the downhill slope.

Perhaps Miller's comparative failure—remember he got a century at Lord's—led more than anything else to Australia's downfall. His 10 wicket cost 300 runs while in eight innings he scored only 114.

This from a man who in the past could be relied upon as a match winner was, to say the least, disappointing. Maybe Miller felt the strain of his previous all-round endeavours. It must be remembered that he was alone as an all-rounder for six years after the war. But it was nonetheless sad to see him dismissed for 1 and 0 in the match which cost Australian the Ashes.

TOUGH OPPOSITION

In the West Indies next winter the MCC will find themselves up against tough opposition. And it is with this thought in mind that which they have just met in England.

Without Bedser in the side, it is possible that they will be beaten. This will presumably give the West Indies the right to the "World Champions" banner which has now been hoisted over England.

But whether this proves the case or not, the real battle lies in Australia in two years' time. And it is with this thought in mind that both countries have now got to do their team-building.

(London Express Service)

Japanese Soccer Team Loses

South, Middlesex, Sept. 2. British Universities beat the Japanese Students' Soccer XI 4-0 today.

England, like Australia, have a hard core of youngsters who will serve them well in the years that lie ahead. Tony Lock already possesses the prime attributes of a spin bowler, the ability to turn the ball on all types of wickets. He can learn anything more he needs to know about the art of flight and length as he continues to play.

The other youngsters, May and Gravemyer, are both fine attacking players not afraid to swing their bats at the ball. They impulsively hit at times led to their downfall and there is a flaw in Gravemyer's defensive armoury which makes him vulnerable early in an innings.

Another season of Test cricket should see both of them over their "debut" stage and ready to take their place in England's teams of the next 10 or 12 years.

Len Hutton has such a fine technique that unless his eyes fail him or he suffers some other physical harm he will be England's next captain in Australia. But Len Hutton cannot go on indefinitely and the search for an England opener must not be relaxed.

IN THE BALANCE

Denis Compton has tried hard in the Tests this summer without really convincing himself or his supporters that he has made the grade. His future is in the balance and this knowledge is not likely to help Compton who in the past has always thrown aside worry and thrived upon the unorthodox.

In the West Indies he will decide his own future one way or the other. Success will probably bring him another trip to Australia but, if he fails then, Denis, like Keith Miller,

THE BAT THAT HIT THE WINNING STROKE



A group look with envy at the winning hit bat of the Test Match which is being held by 16-year-old Billy Evans, son of the Australian jockey. It was given him, and autographed by, Denis Compton. — Express Photo.

Arthur Rowe Explains His Championship Methods For Spurs

By ARCHIE QUICK

Manager Arthur Rowe has gone to great pains to explain to me the system of football which he formulated and which won for Tottenham Hotspur the Championships of the Second and First Divisions in successive seasons and the runners-up position the third season.

Briefly, the idea is that the attack is a "W" formation in reverse; an "M" formation if you like. The extreme wingers are drawn right back to link up with their defence and entice the opposing full backs forward. The inside men are the spearheads instead and the wing pass is made inwards instead of being sloped outwards.

But things are going wrong, the same as they are with Tottenham's North London rivals over at Highbury. The reason is different. Spurs do not possess a centre-forward to round off their midfield scheming and clever approach work.

NOT BEING CLINCHED

The Rowe Plan is working well, but it is not being clinched with goals. The red light is

showing, and Mr Rowe knows his urgent need. But he cannot coax another club to part with a ready-made leader.

Spurs were, in fact, the only English club to make a firm bid for Laurie Reilly, of Hibs and Scotland, and now Mr Rowe's eyes are turned towards Derek Hines, the Leicester City and Army player. But Hines is very much attached to his home

club. Meanwhile Spurs' left winger, Les Burrell, has passed his peak and deputy Syd McClellan is a stop gap at the most.

With all their money in the bank, Tottenham can afford £40,000 for the right man, but when I discussed the matter with Spurs directors on the way home from Sheffield the other day they talked in terms of giving Leslie Bennett a trial!

There are other weaknesses. "Sonny" Walters is not determined enough, but Tottenham have a good substitute in recently-acquired Fred Hutchinson from Sheffield United.

Robb and Bailey are a potential England wing, but behind them that grand player and servant Ronnie Burgess is getting no younger and March at the moment is too venturesome in the opposite wing position.

All three Spurs halves were given a chasing by the eager Sheffield Wednesday forwards at Hillsborough.

IMPRESSED

The match was watched by the Chairman of the England Selectors, Mr Harold Shental, and he must have been impressed by George Robb, England's heaven-sent gift for the outside left position, and by the brilliance of Ted Ditchburn in goal. He is the best in the land at the moment.

As a matter of interest, 10 of the 11 Tottenham men who were beaten at Sheffield were Londoners. The only "foreigner" was Burgess, Welsh international, and he has been at White Hart Lane since he was 10.

Fancy 10 men at a £10 signing-on fee, one other Clarke, a Londoner—for £1,000 from Lovells Athletic, and dozens of other local stars in reserve eager and capable of taking their first team places. What a contrast to Sunderland's spending spree of thousands of pounds!

—Reuter.

WHO WILL BE THE SPORTS STARS OF TOMORROW?

New York, Sept. 2.

Who will be the sports stars of tomorrow? There is a wonderful new crop warming up on the sidelines while today's Champions like Rocky Marciano, Maureen Connolly, Ben Hogan, Robin Roberts and Kid Gavilan hold sway.

These youngsters look promising but only time will tell. BOXING—A giant heavy-weight out of Canada, James J. Parker, is rated as a puncher of the Marciano breed. He has plenty to learn, but some insiders say he can belt out anybody when he connects.

BASEBALL—Many of today's stars are so young they will be around tomorrow, too. That includes, 22-year-old Eddie Mathews of the Braves, the new home run sensation in his second season, rookie shortstop Harvey Kuenn of the Tigers and Billy Hunter of the Browns, outfielder Tom Umphlett of the Red Sox, pitcher Ruben Gomez and Al Worthington of the Giants, and presumably gimpy-kneed outfielder Mickey Maunula of the Yankees.

TENNIS—With the Davis Cup currently resting in Australia and the Australians loaded with talented young players, U.S. prospects might be considered dim for the future, but American brass hats do not see it that way.

A pair of growing Californians are rated on the "can't miss" list—17-year-old John Lesch and 16-year-old Maryon Franklin, both of L.A. They finished one-two in the recent National Junior Championships.

Mike Green, 10, of Miami, is said to be a real comer. Tom Bradford, 13, of Washington, and Herb Browne, 20, of Columbia, South Carolina, are "old" but encouraging.

Among the girls, 14-year-old Mary Ann Mitchell of San Leandro, California, is being touted as the "new" Maureen Connolly.

GOLF—The amateurs are great things for Ken Venturi, 22, and Gene Littler, both named to the Walker Cup squad for the first time this year.

HORSE RACING—United Press learns that Greentree has a 1954 Kentucky Derby whirlwind named Club Man that has not even raced, yet as a two-year-old—United Press.

Naval Dockyard Prize-Winners

The results of the annual Snooker and Billiards championships of the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club were as follows: Snooker—Final—Winner, D. Badi, three frames; runner-up, R. H. S. Miller. Billiards—Final—R. H. S. Miller, conceding 120 points beat G. Lock, Miller ran to game with a 73 break.

More Than A Thousand Athletes To Take Part In Fourth Maccabiah

Jerusalem, Sept. 2.

The fourth International "Maccabiah"—Jewish Olympics—to be held from September 20-29 will, it is hoped here, make up for the worst tourist trade year on record.

Over 1,000 sportsmen and women have been invited to the Maccabiah in which 30 countries will be represented. Israel, the host country, is to enter 300 of her best athletes.

The events include swimming, basketball, volleyball, handball, soccer, boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, gymnastics, tennis, hockey, fencing, shooting, cycling and bowling.

The majority of the contests will take place in the great stadium in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel-Aviv. The stadium, the largest sports field in the Middle East, was completed in 1950. It accommodates 80,000 persons.

A special Maccabiah village has been set up just outside the town to house the visiting athletes. Though the games last nine days, most of the visiting sportsmen and women will stay on for several weeks to tour the country.

TOURIST PILGRIMAGE

Plans are under way to make this year's Maccabiah a tourist pilgrimage. A Hollywood movie company is sending a crew to make a documentary film of the event. The Israel Ministry of Posts will issue a special commemorative stamp to herald the opening.

The United States is to send 100 athletes. They will be led by Henry Wittenberg, a New York policeman, holder of the Olympic lightweight free style wrestling silver medal.

Several other Olympic stars have been invited to take part in the "open" tournaments during the Maccabiah.

The last Maccabiah—the third—in 1950, was the first held since the establishment of the State. The highlight was the final day of the meet when the Army staged its free-for-all spectacle, which included acrobatics and parachute floating down over the stadium.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Foreign teams are briefing their members against cases of mistaken identity like the one which occurred in the 1950 Game.

In the Israel-India hockey contest a member of the visiting Indian team found his opposite number on the Israeli team also an Indian, a recent immigrant to Israel. To the consternation of the Indian rosters, the former kept passing the ball to his opponent, thinking he was a teammate.

The Maccabiah derives its name from the Maccabees, a Jewish tribe in 165 B.C. known for its stamina. The first Maccabiah sport clubs were formed in 1883 in Berlin, Constantinople, Bucharest and St. Petersburg. At present the central organization—the Maccabi World Union—is in London.

As the date of the fourth Maccabiah approaches, the track of the great stadium in the Ramat Gan is being readied and workmen are busy preparing the seats. All here are eagerly awaiting the moment when the time-keeper will fire his opening shot, the bands will play and the teams in their colourful regalia will march down the field to inaugurate the year's biggest event—the fourth International Maccabiah.—United Press.

Huddersfield Beaten 2-1 In A Way Match With Cardiff City

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Huddersfield's first defeat of the season and Portsmouth's capture of their first points were among the features of yesterday's football in England.

Huddersfield went down 2-1 at Cardiff and Pompey gained the odd goal of five in a close tussle with Chelsea. West Bromwich Albion's impressive beginning was maintained by a two clear goal margin against Manchester United, and the luckless Wednesday (several of their first eleven are on the injured list) rallied brilliantly to down proud Preston.

In the Second Division, Birmingham continue to show promotion form, and Doncaster Rovers, who scored a 5-1 away win against Notts County on Saturday, were held at home to a 1-1 draw by Bristol Rovers.

In the Southern Section, Division Three, Swindon suffered their first defeat and Ipswich conceded a point for the first time. Southampton (relegated from the Second Division) with a 4-0 victory over Newport confirmed the impression that they will be one of the strongest contenders for promotion next Spring.

THE RESULTS

Today's football results were:

DIVISION I

Cardiff	2	Huddersfield	1
Manchester C.	0	Aston Villa	1
Middlesbrough	3	Bolton	2
Newcastle	4	Liverpool	0
Portsmouth	3	Chelsea	2
Wednesday	4	Preston	2
West Brom	2	U.	0

DIVISION II

Birmingham	3	Plymouth	0
Bury	1	Lincoln	1
Derby C.	1	Sligo	0
Doncaster	1	Bristol R.	0
Everton	2	Hull	0

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

Rugby League results today were:

Featherstone Rovers	3	Hallifax	14
Huddersfield	11	Hull	8
Salford	15	York	19
Widnes	11	Oldham	9
Wigan	41	Rumford	7
Widnes	41	Whitehaven	9

THE GAMBOLE



Tennis League Prize-Giving On Friday

On the assumption that South China Athletic Association Men's "A" Division team will win their final match against Recreio today, arrangements have been made by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to have the play-off for the "A" Division Championship between South China and Chinese Recreation Club tomorrow afternoon at the HKCC commencing at 5.30 p.m.

Mrs R. H. Todd has kindly consented to distribute the Tennis League trophies at the conclusion of the match mentioned above.

In the event of a postponement the play-off and the distribution of prizes will take place on Thursday, September 10, at the same place and time.

The following are the trophy winners:

Ladies "A" Division C.R.C.
Ladies "B" Division C.R.C.
Mixed "A" Division S.C.A.A.
Mixed "B" Division C.R.C.
Men's "B" Division C.R.C.
Men's "C" Division C.R.C.
Men's "D" Division S.C.A.A.
Men's "A" Division—To be decided.

Standings in the eight divisions to date follow:

Men's "A" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	8	2	0	6	4
S.C.A.A.	5	3	0	2	10
H.K.C.C.	3	5	0	2	15
Recreio	2	4	1	3	12

Men's "B" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "C" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "D" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "A" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "B" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "C" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "D" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Ladies "A" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Ladies "B" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Mixed Doubles "A" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

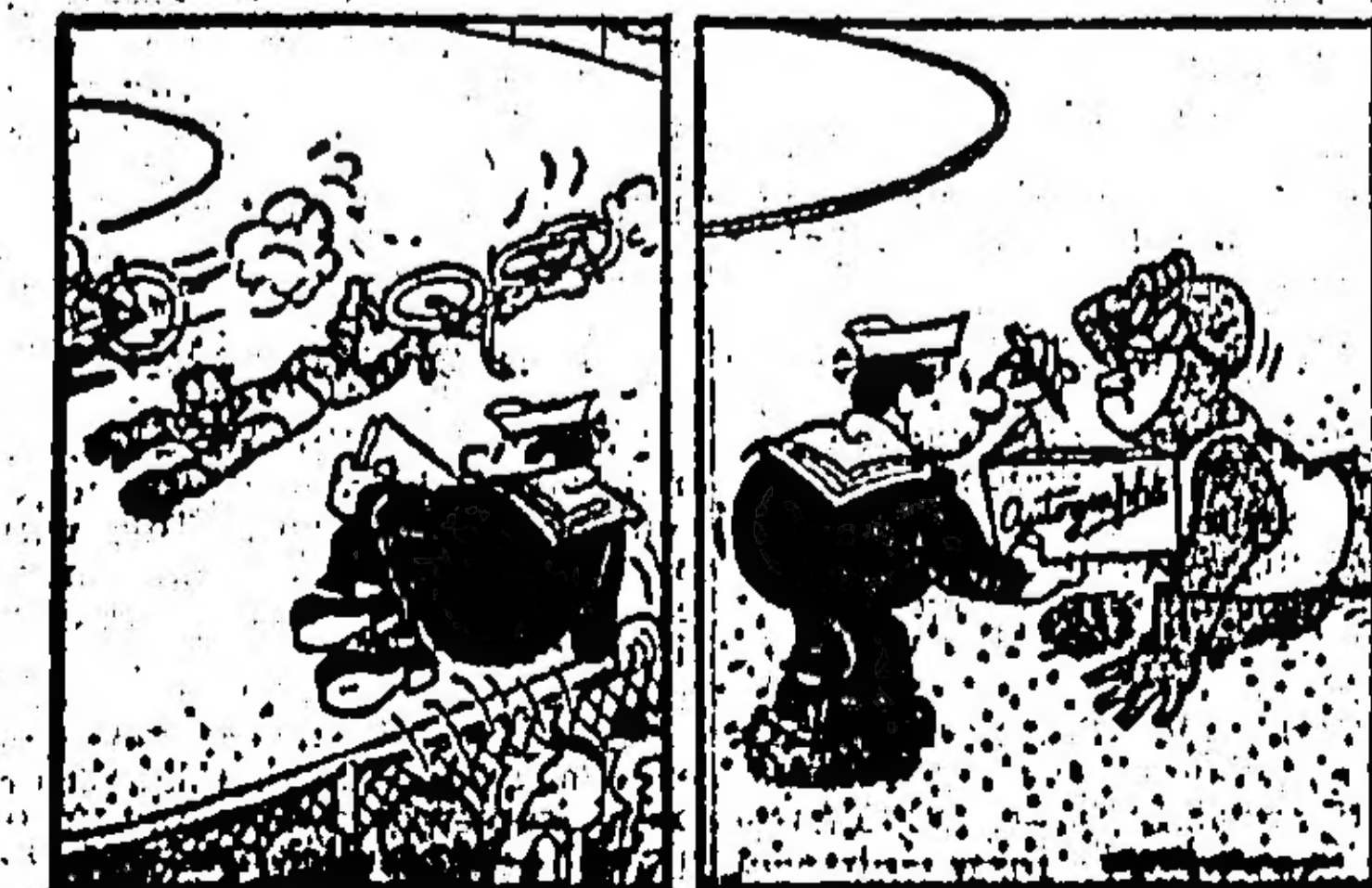
Mixed Doubles "B" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "A" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "B" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "C" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0

Men's "D" Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
C.R.C.	11	0	0	11	0
S.C.A.A.	10	0	0	10	0
H.K.C.C.	9	0	0	9	0
Recreio	8	0	0	8	0



ON THE RECORD

Civilised Man Catches Up With The Savage

On August 2, at Pasadena, California, Franklin "Bud" Hild, an engineering graduate of Stanford University, threw the regulation Olympic javelin a distance of 262 feet 10 inches. The performance, if ratified by the IAAF, will be a new world record.

Three days earlier, in a practice session, he had a best measured throw of 277 feet 8 inches.

Some years ago, Richard Combes, an official of the Australian Amateur Athletic Association, arranged for a series of tests with the regulation Olympic javelin. The best distance recorded by one of the athletes was reported to be 300 feet.

The forgotten javelin thrower, thought up by Mr. Combes, set Australian thinking recently that it would be an excellent idea to have an Australian victory in the javelin throw at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956.

The New South Wales AAA wrote a letter to a Darwin newspaper editor and asked him to find a Javelin Throwing World Champion among the large numbers of natives from Australia's Northern Territories converging on Darwin for the frontier town's annual fair.

A competition was staged and the winner was a half-blooded aborigine, Billy Larrakynah, at the modest distance—by Olympic standards—of 197 feet 5 inches. Several other aborigines threw between 100 feet and 150 feet.

Though Mr. Combes' statement that he measured an aborigine's javelin throw at 300 feet is still acceptable, the NSWAAA will have to find the out in which particular part of Australia Mr. Combes found his 300-foot javelin thrower.

Franklin Hild, the only man with a college diploma to have thrown a javelin 277 feet, is 25 years of age and is now studying in a San Anselmo (California) seminary where, where he is preparing for his life work as a missionary.

Nelher Johnny Weissmuller, Hayden Brix, Buster Crabbe or

any of the other great athletes of our age who graduated to the role of Tarzan in one of the several series on the "ape man" that Hollywood has turned out could throw anywhere near Franklin Hild's best. In fact, not within 80 feet of his best.

The Tarzan of the Bush series, Kaj-Tapio Rautavaara, who won the Javelin Throw at London's Olympic Games in 1948, retired from the sport with a best mark of 247 feet 7 1/4 inches.

The Finnish Tarzan could have caused a mild stir in the wilds of Africa or Australia if, instead of swinging through the trees, a practice which natives consider degrading and reminiscent of a lower form of animal life, he threw a spear.

The possibilities of Franklin Hild as a javelin-throwing missionary among spear-throwing natives are immense. He is the only white man who can handle the weapon as well. He may even start a sporting revolution in darkest Africa where men reportedly clear seven feet in the high jump only on such occasions as tribal festivities.

The witch doctor may turn round and say that eleven young men will have to clear eight feet today if the rains are to come in time and the young men start leaping. Otherwise they don't seem to care enough about leaping competitively.

Mr. Hild, being imbued with the competitive ideal, could offer Mexican earrings or some other trivial gift as an inducement to competitive javelin throwing and could take a hand in the game himself and possibly hurt savage pride by winning himself.

The British Colonial Office hasn't taken very much interest in date in securing the wilds of Africa for athletic talent. Some progress has been made in Kenya and Tanganyika, Nyasaland, the Gold Coast and Nigeria towards starting athletics on a national scale.

The results have not been discouraging, but the African is getting too prize-minded and in Kenya two years ago it was necessary to suspend for one year a certain Kipkoech, winner of the Six Miles Run in a very fast 29 minutes 34.8 seconds, who refused to accept a blanket as a prize for running so many miles and threw it back into the District Commissioner's face at the prize-giving.

The French and the Belgians have made more progress and the two countries' national records have been improved with the addition of performances from Senegal and Rouanda, Ourundi.

In fact, the French team against Great Britain at the White City last month included quite a number of Africans. They were represented by Equatorial Africans in the Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump and the Javelin Throw.

However, the French have a different approach to dealing with African athletes. They don't present them with blankets, but bring them to France instead and distribute them among the athletic clubs.

At least one French Equatorial African record-holder is happily studying at the Sorbonne and was last reported to have lost interest in athletics and to be concentrating on an endemic cancer instead.

One problem that could possibly confront Franklin Hild as a missionary among spear-throwing black men would be his own javelin.

This is constructed from the wood of four other javelins and is a very patched up weapon which has been broken many times in competition. It is now a hollow affair with 27 individually fitted pieces.

Hild finds that he can achieve greater distances with this broken stick (still up to IAAF weight and length specifications) than with any other.

On his visits to Sweden and Finland he was invariably annoyed by the fact that his Nordic challengers invariably insisted on using his spear.

The rule is that any competitor can use in a javelin throwing competition any other competitor's spear and the Finns and Swedes found that they liked Hild's private property.

Unfortunately, Hild is one of the very few men able to throw his own javelin without breaking it once more and, of course, any one would be annoyed when, preparing for a 280-foot throw on the next throw, he finds that Hyltäläinen or Rautavaara has already broken his spear once more.

—RECORDER—

Soccer Session

the first of a series of new two-way football lessons with how-to-do-it tips by the stars of today AND tomorrow.

THE BEST DEFENCE IS—ATTACK

by BOB PENNINGTON

Term opens, gentlemen, with Professor Alfred Ramsey (Tottenham and England) lecturing on full-back strategy. Assistant master—his more orthodox Tottenham deputy Peter Baker. Attention, please, pupils for the day with an honour's degree in turning defence into attack. Professor Ramsey: "Being unorthodox and adventurous in many aspects of the game, let me admit at the outset that I have my critics. But I believe in attack—whatever your position."

"Our Tottenham syllabus is based on short, sharp passes, trying never to lose the ball so that your opponents do the running around. And that technique starts right in our own penalty box."

"Passing back to goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn, I often hold on until a forward is actually challenging. While the attacker presses on, trying to intercept, I nip smartly into an open space ready to receive Ted's throw. At least one opponent is then left out of it. . . . I'm ready to launch another attack."

"The text books tell you a back shouldn't dribble. True, but he can beat his man. If a winger comes rushing in to tackle, it should be within a back's power to slip the ball past him."

"Short passes are nearly always the best, but a back should practise the long, low ball that so often splits a defence wide open."

"Take the ball upfield, too, if it's clear, but once parted with it, a back should race to resume marking his man. That's where speed is so essential."

"Summing up, I'd say a back shouldn't curb an attacking spirit if it's his natural game. Yet he must never forget his prime role is in defence, not attempt an attacking game until he's weighed up his winger in the first 15 minutes or so."

Peter Baker now dons the mortar-board to deliver a different theme: "I'm 21, just out of the Forces, without Ramsey's vast experience. Defence—orthodox defence—is my strong point; an attacking game would be foreign to my nature and much too risky to copy."

"But I agree with Ramsey's views on turning defence into attack. What's the use in beating the ball away ahead if it goes to an opponent? Mark your man, watch the ball and not his feet when you tackle, and once in possession get rid of it to a team mate in an open space."

"Slamina is everything. A game can be lost in the last minute. Of Tottenham's regular first team last season, only Alf Ramsey, Billy Nicholson, and Len Duquemin are non-smokers. But wait. . . ."

"I smoke, too, yet that doesn't mean puffing away without worrying. If you find the pace gets too hot for you, cut down the smokes, step-up the training."

Class dismissed until next week, and save that cigarette until after lunch.

SWEDEN LEADS BRITAIN 54-52

Stockholm, Sept. 2. Sweden led Britain by 54 points to 52 at the end of tonight's ten events in the two-day international athletic contest at the Olympic Stadium here.

Ten more events will be decided on Wednesday, China Mail Special.



Unorthodox, but effective. Alf Ramsey traps the ball with his shin. Note the body angle. Knee well forward, toe pointing back. The advantage to this technique is that Ramsey can eye the field, while the ball rolls slowly forward, ready to be passed.

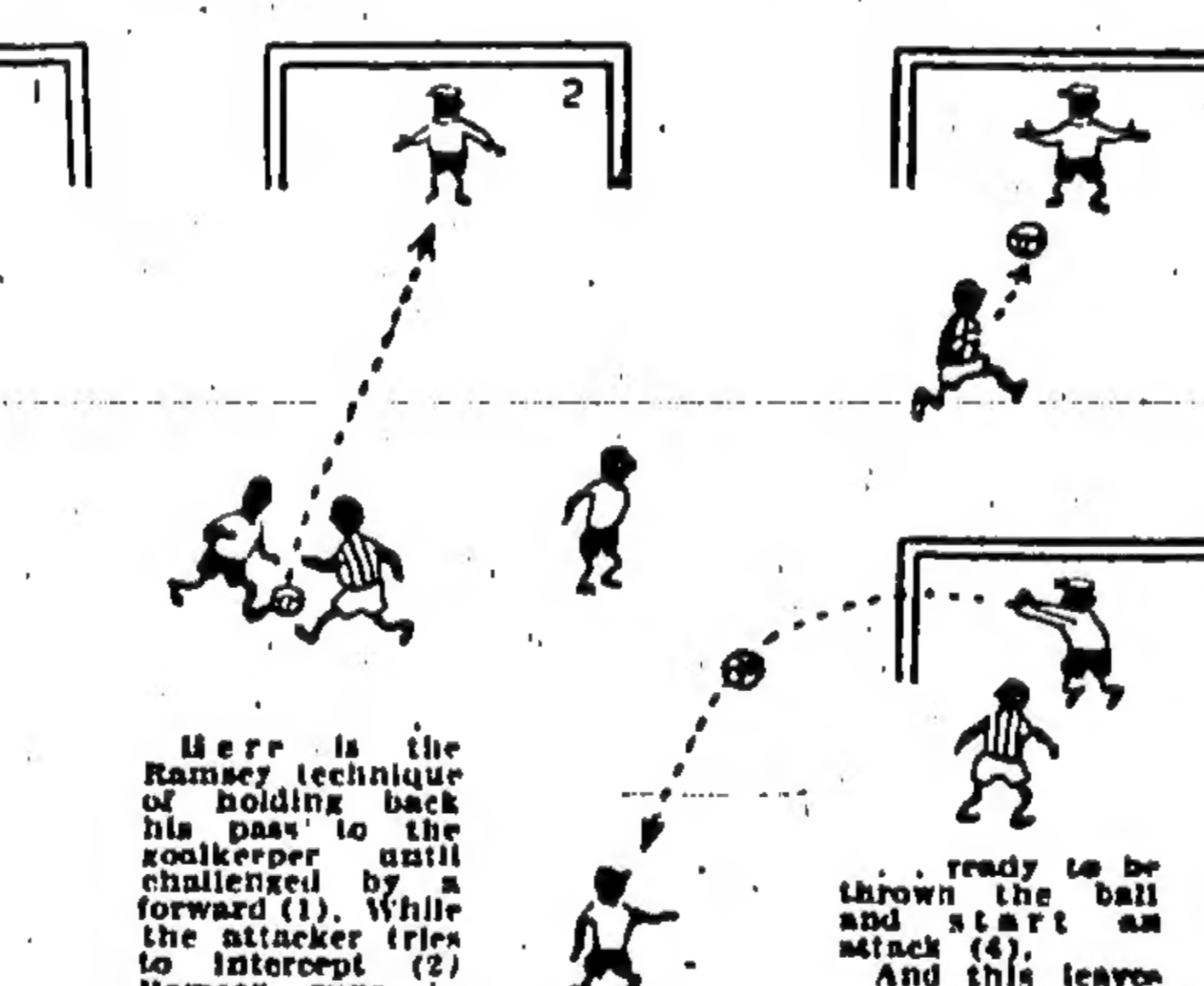
Ramsey runs on and follows through with a low, driven pass to launch an attack. See how his right knee is well over the ball and the instep is used to give it momentum. Unless the angle is right, the ball will gain height, lose direction.



Peter Baker traps the ball in the more orthodox manner. His eyes are on the ball, body perfectly poised. This style can be used under any circumstances, while the shin trap is adopted purely to speed a pass when no opponent is in the vicinity.



The Baker technique of kicking a still ball. The body angle is different from that of the low-driven pass, but the force is still applied through the instep, and the eyes never leave the ball until after the follow-through. As always, direction is equally vital to distance.



HK Eleven Wins Again

Reuter reports that the Eastern soccer team at present touring Australia, continued on their winning march yesterday by defeating a Victorian side, comprising immigrants from Europe, by a score of five goals to two.

The score at half time was Hongkong 3, Victoria 2.

LOUISE BROUGH WINS AT FOREST HILLS

Forest Hills, N.Y., Sept. 2. Miss Louise Brough, former U.S. and Wimbledon Champion, rolled into the third round of the U.S. Tennis Singles Championship with an easy victory on the centre court over Miss Darlene Hard (US), 6-2, 6-4.

Winner of the American crown in 1947, Miss Brough kept heavy pressure on her 17-year-old opponent all through the first set, but weakened slightly in the second when Miss Hard began to play effectively and won three games in a row after trailing 1-3.

Miss Brough rallied with a 6-4 lead on her own service and closed out the set with the loss of only two points as Miss Hard hit over the baseline attempting to retrieve Miss Brough's hard-hit ground strokes.—United Press.

Group Visas For Asian Games Delegations

Manila, Sept. 2. Immigration Commissioner Vicente de la Cruz yesterday promised to facilitate the admission into this country next year of all athletic delegations coming from countries participating in the Second Asian Games May 1-9 next year.

In a communication to the Foreign Office, the Commissioner said he agreed to the use of identification cards in lieu of passports and the issuance of group visas for participating athletes and their delegation members.

Commissioner de la Cruz intimated that regulations governing non-participating visitors to the games are now being formulated by the Immigration Bureau.—France-Press.

Moscow Dynamo Beat Indians

Paris, Sept. 2. The Soviet Dynamo football team beat the Indian team from East Bengal by a score of six to nil. Radio Moscow reported today in a broadcast received here.

Half-time, the score was three-nil.—France-Press.

DENIS COMPTON SCORES 81 FOR SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGAINST THE AUSTRALIANS

Hastings, Sept. 2.

An excellent innings by Denis Compton compensated for some spiritless batting by the South of England XI against the Australian cricketers in the opening match of the Hastings Festival here today.

Rain interrupted play on a number of occasions, but this in no way could account for some disappointing batting by the South of England against the left arm spin bowling of Bill Johnston.

A little restrained at first, Compton afterwards played in his best form. He hit 81 out of 121 with 11 fours and helped the South of England score to reach the more respectable total of 108.

The Australians rattled off 46 for no wicket in the 33 minutes left before the close. Lindsay Hassett collected 38 of them. Hassett took 11 off the opening over from young Alan Moss and remained the chief run-getter, while Colin McDonald could only score six.

Play was resumed after lunch in bright sunshine. A cut for three by Compton off Hill sent up the 50 when the innings had lasted an hour.

Compton had an escape when Archer played too soon and asked the ball, but Davidson running from mid-off, could not cover sufficient ground to bring off a catch.

The stumps had realised 77 runs in 70 minutes before Richardson was beaten, being bowled by Miller. Richardson took an hour and a half over his 30, which included four boundaries.

Brookes, the Northamptonshire opening bat, joined Compton, who hit Miller past mid-wicket for his seventh boundary, completing 53 out of 64 in 75 minutes.

ALL ASSURANCE

By this time the Middlesex man was batting with all his old assurance and when he turned Johnston to leg for four, he took the total to three figures in just over 100 minutes.

Davidson replaced Miller and at 118 he disposed of Brookes who, reaching forward, was bowled after spending nearly 35 minutes over four runs.

Bowling left arm at a fine pace, Davidson compelled respect even from Compton. But it was Johnston who eventually dismissed Compton just when the Test batsman seemed set for his fifth century of the season.

Compton tried to drive, mistimed the stroke and gave a catch to cover, which meant that the side was out for 128. Giving only one possible chance, Compton scored his 81 out of 121 in two hours, with 11 boundaries as his chief figures.

Spooner and Palmer quickly took the score to 158, when in the last over, before tea, the South's Captain was clean bowled by Johnston.

Spooner was last man out. Another clean bowled victim of Johnston, but earlier the batsmen oversteamed the crowd with bold hitting. Peadar the South's Captain was clean bowled by Johnston.

In each case, however, Johnston had his revenge without much more expense and the innings closed at two short of 200, with Johnston claiming six wickets for 77.

This is the fourth time on the tour that he has taken six wickets in an innings.

In 35 minutes at the end of the day Australia knocked off 46 of the overers without loss, Hassett claiming 38 of them. McDonald, who was almost run out when one, was always restrained.

THE SCOREBOARD

South of England, 1st Innings
Robertson, lbw b. Johnston . . . 6
Richardson, b. Miller . . . 30
Emmett, c. Langley . . . 1
Archer . . . 1
Compton, c. Harvey . . . 81
Johnston . . . 41
Brookes, b. Davidson . . . 4
Spooner, b. Johnston . . . 20

Palmer, b. Johnston . . . 11
Perks, c. Harvey . . . 14
Johnston . . . 14
Wright, lbw. b. Davidson . . . 0
Moss, c. Hassett b. Johnston . . . 7
Young, not out . . . 14
Extras . . . 14

Falls of wicket: 1-6, 2-7, 3-103, 4-116, 5-128, 6-158, 7-170, 8-184, 9-188.

BOWLING

Archer	O	M	R	W
Johnston	6	2	20	1
Davidson	27	3	47	6
Hill	19	3	34	2
Miller	6	1	22	0
Miller	9	2	31	1

Byes 0; Leg-byes 8.
Australians, 1st Innings
Hassett, not out . . . 38
McDonald, not out . . . 6
Extras . . . 2
Total (for 10 wkt.) . . . 46

BOWLING

Moss	O	M	R	W
Perks	4	1	18	0
Young	5	3	15	0
Byes 2	2	0	11	0

—Reuter.

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Tony Lock Takes Eight Hampshire Wickets For 26

London, Sept. 2.

Tony Lock, England and Surrey left arm spinner, achieved the best performance of his career in first class cricket today when he captured eight Hampshire wickets for 26 runs in the county match at Bournemouth.

Lock, aided by some magnificent fielding, especially by Stuart Surridge, captain of the Champions, who altogether held four catches, baffled the batsmen with uncanny flight and spin on a rain affected pitch. He bowled 17 overs and eight maidens for his eight wickets.

He dismissed four batsmen in succession in one deadly spell, all four falling to score.

Neville Rogers was the only one to play him with confidence, batting throughout the innings for 30 of his side's 82 scored in 2 1/4 hours.

Surrey in turn had to struggle for runs against good spin bowling and were all out for 151. Melvyn Burden, a young offspin bowler, playing in his second match for the county, impressed with six wickets for 70 runs.

Two more Hampshire wickets fell before the close and altogether today 22 wickets fell for 262 runs.

Sussex and Lancashire, the only two contenders for the position of runners-up to Surrey in the Championship table, were held up by rain in their match at Hove.

Then, on a pitch not particularly helpful, the Sussex bowlers, backed up by keen fielding, proved remarkably accurate.

Nigel Howard battled with assurance. He was compelled to concentrate on defence for

long spells, but hit 11 fours in his 63. He was dismissed by Ian Thomson, right arm medium-fast, who took the total of wickets to 100 for the season.

Reg Simpson, the England amateur, scored a century before lunch for the MCC against Yorkshire at Scarborough. Missed off the second ball of the innings, Simpson pulled and drove with great power, his chief hits being three sixes off spin bowler Illingworth and six fours.

He battled one and three-quarter hours for his 101. Trevor Bailey, captain of the MCC, followed with a bright 80, including six fours, in nearly two hours.—Reuter.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

London, Sept. 2. The following were the close of play scores in first class cricket matches played today:
At Scarborough: MCC 362 (Simpson 101, Bailey 80). Yorkshire 26 for no wicket.
At Hove: Lancashire 182 (Howard 63). Sussex one run for no wicket.

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Ambulance Duties—Hongkong:
0.9.53.—12.9.53, Sir Nan Amb. Div.,
Sept. 1953; Western Dist. Neg. Div.
Ambulance Duties—Kowloon:
7.9.53.—12.9.53, Tsimshatsui Amb. Div.,
14.9.53.—20.9.53, K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div.,
Sept. 1953; Waterloo Neg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties—0.9.53.
Dr. F. Chin, Taxi, District 1, H.P. Shields, C/O L. Tang & Central Neg. Div.,
13.9.53, Dr. Chan Ping-kwai, District Young Kai-sung, A/O Kwok On-ping, & Central Neg. Div.

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11.9.53, Kowloon Amb. Div.,
Heath Duties—4.9.53, Repulse Bay, Eastern Dist. Big Wave Bay, Shaikwan K.F. Div.; Shek-O, Shaikwan Div. 6.9.53, 9.30 a.m. Repulse Bay, Wanchai "B" Div.; Big Wave Bay, Kennedy Town Div.; Shek-O, Sir Nan Amb. Div.; Repulse Bay, Wanchai "A" Div.; Big Wave Bay, Western Dist. Div.; Shek-O, Central Div. 12.9.53, 2 p.m. Repulse Bay, Causeway Div.; Big Wave Bay, Causeway Div.; Shek-O, S.C.A.A. Div. 13.9.53, 9 a.m. Repulse Bay, Causeway Div.; Big Wave Bay, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div.; Shek-O, K.C.O.H. Div. 1.30 p.m. Repulse Bay, Shaikwan K.F. Div.; Big Wave Bay, Shaikwan Div.; Shek-O, Eastern Div.

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Appointment—Dr. F.I. Tsung, C.S.J., to hold the appointment of Acting Assistant Commissioner (Administration) Headquarters up to September 30, 1953, in addition to his appointment of A.C. (Training) Headquarters.

Taken On Strength—(a) Enrolment—Tsimshatsui Amb. Div., P. Lau Chuen, enrolment No. 25.53, Abraham Cui, Neg. Div. Cui Yip Yook-ting enrolled w.e.f. 25.9.53. (b) Decrease Of Strength—(a) Leave—Cork Officer E.W. Spang leave for 7 months w.e.f. 3.9.53. (b) Reserve—Tsimshatsui Amb. Div., P. Mul Yung-ken reserve w.e.f. 20.9.53. (c) Reassignment—Kennedy Town Amb. Div., Div. 1, Div. 2, Surgeon Dr. Mok Hing-ai resigned w.e.f. 4.9.53.

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"Open New Guinea To The Japanese," Says U.S. Paper

Chicago, Sept. 2. The Chicago Tribune today said that New Guinea should be opened for large-scale settlement and development by Japan.

The Tribune, in a leading article entitled "To Have and to Hold," said that Holland and Australia sought to "resume the old imperialist way" in New Guinea.

The Tribune recalled that once before recently it had called for large-scale Japanese settlement and development of New Guinea, as a means of settling Japan's problems of over-population and unstable land.

"There was prompt response to this proposal from Australia and Holland, which share ownership of the island," the Tribune continued.

"The Dutch press did not take kindly to the idea of partitioning territory."

"The Australian Government directed its administration in New Guinea to bring the area under Government control by the end of 1954."

"It is typical of imperialism that Holland and Australia,

saved from conquest by the United States, should have recovered from their fright sufficiently to seek to resume the old imperialist way."

"It is of no apparent concern to them that their way over New Guinea renders this potentially rich and productive territory sterile. Their interest is to keep their hold, though it is merely a privilege."

The Tribune concluded: "The pressure that once made for want and war in Japan could not alleviate if Japanese settlement and development of this area were brought about."

"Apparently the colonial owners prefer to sit still in the expectation that there will be another American rescue if there is an explosion again," the China Mail Special.

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WINDOW GAZERS

A JOSTLING crowd, mostly out-of-towners in London on holiday, pressed round a window display near Marble Arch, talking, laughing, gasping with pleasure at the wonderful show in the window.

On the curb, apart from the rest, a dark-haired man, handsome in a Mediterranean kind of way, stood gazing at the scene. He was not there for pleasure, but on business; and his interest lay not in the window but in those who milled around it.

Carefully, the handsome man, whose name was Edward, studied each member of the crowd, and presently he saw what he had been hoping to see, a woman carrying a large handbag that opened. Edward moved cautiously forward to explore.

THE WALLET

CLOSER inspection showed the bag held even more promise than he had expected. Inside it lay a leather wallet that bulged most interestingly.

Edward reached out, got his hand to the wallet. He began to pull it out. It did not come easily. Edward gave a despairing tug, and the woman who carried the handbag over her arm felt the movement.

For a moment of panic Edward thought she would turn upon him, but she merely placed the bag in front of her and continued to stare at the fascinating window.

Gratefully, Edward began to edge away. A moment later he was tapped on the shoulder. He had not been the only one in the crowd on business. Two detectives had been watching him all the time.

"I HAVE WIFE," Edward said to the first detective, "I'm going to arrest you," said the second, "I'm attempting to steal that wallet."

"No, no, no, you can't," Edward cried, "I have wife, two children..."

The detective led him away. Next morning at Marlborough Street Edward pleaded not guilty to the charge against him. The detectives told Mr. Paul Bennett, V.C., the magistrate, what they had seen.

The woman who had so nearly been robbed, a trim, forthright housewife, on holiday from Scotland, went into the witness-box and said the wallet had contained £12, which made Edward wince.

"What do you want to say?" Mr. Bennett asked Edward.

A LOT OF PEOPLE.

"I SPIK on oath please," Edward said. The veins stood out on his dark forehead, and you remember what he had said about his wife and children, and pitted him and them, and wondered what made him behave so when he had a good enough job.

"There was a lot of people, sir, and I remembers that I bump into this lady as I try to get past," he said, with despairing sort of glance towards the Scottish woman.

"It is accident I bump into her, and next thing the police comes," he dabbed at the perspiration on his temples.

"Go back," said the magistrate, and Edward returned to the dock.

"You were actually seen in the act of trying to take this wallet," said the magistrate. "I convict you without hesitation."

He turned to the police, and asked: "Anything known?"

UNPLEASANT. THE police consulted their papers and you wanted to hear details about Edward's wife and his children, about the work he had done since he came here from Gibraltar in 1940.

You feel mildly angry with this man for remembering too late about his family, until...

"There are seven previous convictions," said the officer in charge of the case, and he began to read out details. Edward's crimes were mostly unpleasant ones.

Now, he was sent to prison for six months. You felt sorry for his wife and two children, knowing they had only that time before they would have to start worrying again about what trouble he would get into next.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Curious Silence Over Federal Budget.

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Sept. 1.

A curious silence has developed over the Federal Budget that the Treasurer, Sir Arthur Fadden is to bring down in a fortnight's time.

A few months ago everyone was predicting magnificent cuts in income tax, a ruthless slashing of sales tax, cheaper smokes and beer and generally, a good time for all.

But one or two senior Ministers have given hints that all might not be as rosy as expected — that the end of the fighting in Korea would not mean such a great saving in defence — and so the uneasy quiet before the storm.

Traders, of course, have been worried stiff by the falling off in the sales of luxury goods, would-be buyers not keen to do business now when a sales tax cut in a few weeks time could easily save them £50 on a medium priced article and perhaps a couple of hundred on a motor car.

Sydney agents for the Australian car Holden (the makers scraped by on a profit of £3½ million last year, incidentally) have announced that they will refund to buyers any sales tax cuts in the Budget, which indicates that the motor car trade isn't as brisk as it used to be.

And as far as the Budget itself is concerned, all experts agree that anything that leaves a bad taste in the mouth of the electors this time will mean curtains for the Menzies Government at the next election.

One thousand and five hundred radio sets now serve Australia's outback, the PMG, Mr. Anthony, announced, in a week. More than 800 of them had been established in the last 10 years, he said.

In addition to the 10,000 messages in times of emergency, they were also integrated into the public telegram system and tens of thousands of telegrams were received, transmitted through them last year.

Two wool experts have given slightly different versions of how they regard synthetics.

Chairman of the Australian Wool Bureau, Mr. C. B. Ball, told the Farmers and Settlers' Association conference in Sydney that there was a definite threat to wool by the rapid development of synthetics.

"The key to the problem is in wool promotion. We cannot go to sleep, and we must do all possible to keep the merits of wool well before the world," he said.

"Du Ponts this year are spending 3-million dollars to advertise their particular line of synthetic fibres, but the whole wool industry of the world will not spend as much as this firm," he added.

But the chairman — and Australia's representative on the International Wool Secretariat, Mr. Ewen Waterman, said that despite synthetics, the future of wool was as sure as the future of meat.

He admitted, however, that the wool industry would have to go out and match synthetic salesmanship. He said the Wool Secretariat was not uneasy about synthetics, but did not underestimate the threat.

"Pre-war forecasts that scientists would soon produce a wool with all the characteristics of wool have not been realized. I think, also, that the promotion of synthetics have been far more effective than the synthetics themselves," he added.

SHEEP LOSSES. The last few days of bitter cold weather has sent sheep losses in New South Wales in the past fortnight to well over the 100,000 mark, according to pastoral experts. Losses have been particularly heavy in areas where sheep have just been shorn.

Sydney Musical Society members will wear nearly 50,000 drinking straws in the Society's production of Alfred Hill's "Tapu". The straws will be made into long Maori skirts.

Alfred Hill, still composing and conducting at 82, composed the music for "Tapu" in 1894. The Society is to take the opera on tour of country centres and it should appear in Sydney about January.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Scientists, particularly in the last few years, have done a tremendous lot to make the outlook for wool more healthy. Experts of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) particularly have much of which they can be proud.

Their greatest achievement, without doubt, is the spectacular success of myxomatosis as a rabbit killer.

In a little more than two years myxomatosis has killed a fantastic number of rabbits over a huge area of Australia. Already in a number of areas rabbit-sick land, reduced to a point of uselessness, is recovering, sheep are taking the place of rabbits over many thousands of square miles of country and more wool, mutton and lambs are being produced.

In December, 1950, wool-growers learned with intense interest that myxomatosis, near the Murray River. Within a few months it had spread over about 800,000 square miles. It spread along the Murray and the Darling Rivers and their tributaries and the consequent mortality among rabbits was astonishing.

The success point in this dramatic success was the discovery that various kinds of mosquito and other insects, after biting a doctored rabbit, became effective carriers of the virus disease.

It is not known to what extent myxomatosis has reduced the number of rabbits in Australia, but an official survey recently made in Victoria showed that the numbers in that State had been reduced by 70 per cent. If anything, like Canada, the results have been obtained elsewhere in Australia, it is reasonable to expect a big increase in sheep and wool within a few seasons. Meanwhile, myxomatosis is continuing to prove effective, but scientists are hard work to find something to replace it in case bunny develops an immunity.

PREJUDICE COMPLAINT. The general-traffic manager of the Mitsui Steamship Co., Tokyo, Mr. Jiro Homma, said in Melbourne this week that prejudice was preventing his company from re-entering the Australia-Japan cargo trade.

He said Japanese shipping lines now transported only 10 per cent of all goods which Japan imported.

Mr. Homma said he had been informed by the Australian-East-conference—the local shipping authority—that the Mitsui Line "was not welcome."

"I am not out to start trouble, but I am disappointed at the reception I have had," he said.

Melbourne shipping, commercial and banking representatives gave Mr. Homma a reception at the Hotel Australia.

Radio Hongkong

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You're catching cold! I'll stay home tomorrow and take care of you—I can use a day's rest anyway!"

SOVIET ENVOY MYSTERY

Teheran, Sept. 2.

Soviet authorities have refused to allow a Persian Foreign Ministry representative to see Mr. Anatoli Lavrentiev, the Soviet Ambassador, "because of the Ambassador's severe illness," the newspaper Shahed reported today.

In the past two days the Ambassador has been variously reported as (1) committing suicide, or attempting suicide, (2) taking refuge in the American Embassy and (3) being stricken with a heart attack.

One Communist leader, who declined to be named, said Mr. Lavrentiev was lying low with a faked heart attack because he wants to avoid any contact with the Persian Government—especially about the early resumption of economic talks between the Soviet and Persian.

The Soviet Communist wanted to watch the results of the anti-Mossadegh coup—of August 19—before deciding their attitude to the new Royalist regime.

An official Soviet Embassy statement to the Persian Government yesterday denied the rumour of Mr. Lavrentiev's suicide and said the Ambassador was ill with a heart attack.

Today the Persian Deputy Premier, Mr. Jamid Noori, said that reports quoting him as saying the Ambassador had committed suicide were untrue.

"This is a lie," Mr. Noori said. "I said nothing to anyone about this matter."

NEW RUMOURS. The newspaper Shahed quoting "news and different rumours" said Mr. Lavrentiev had reported to Moscow the Sunday after the Shah fled to Rome that "there would soon be a Democratic Republic in Persia."

"But after the heroic uprising centralised the plans of Mossadegh and the Kremlin servants... the Soviet Foreign Ministry rebuked Lavrentiev by cable for deceiving them."

"He was instructed to leave for Moscow within 24 hours. Lavrentiev knew he would be executed. Therefore, he decided not to go to Moscow," the paper said.

"According to one version, he decided to take refuge in the American Embassy."

"According to this informant, a man was sent to investigate privately Lavrentiev's departure from the Embassy. When Lavrentiev found that all his plans were fruitless he decided to commit suicide. So he shot one bullet into his heart," the paper concluded.—Reuter.

JUDGES' OFFER. United States District Judge W. Knott offered to break tradition and let lawyers remove their coats in his Chicago courtroom. None did.

Two thousand workers at a Philadelphia clothing plant refused to go to work because of the heat and two other firms let their 800 employees go home.

Philadelphia, alone reported 65 deaths due to the extreme temperatures. Two men died of heat-induced heart attacks yesterday at St. Paul, Minnesota, and many others were hospitalised by heart strokes.

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YOUTH'S MURDER TRIAL

Defence Enters Insanity Plea

A plea of insanity on behalf of a 17-year-old boy charged with the murder of one of his friends, was made by Mr S. V. Gittins, Counsel for the Defence, before Mr Justice Scholes at Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr Gittins, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for Cheung Kam-kwong who is alleged to have stabbed a 16-year-old friend Cheung Hui-lam, with a triangular file on May 9. The victim died in hospital on July 4 as a result of his injuries. Prosecuting Counsel is Mr D. O'Reilly Mayne.

Admitting that the defence had no evidence to counter that of the prosecution, Mr Gittins said he hoped to prove that the defendant did not know what he was doing at the time of the murder, that his mind was diseased, and that he was in a state of temporary insanity.

"I am sure that you feel at the very least, that there is something peculiar about the defendant," he said. "You must think he is not quite right in his head—although that applies to quite a few of the people we know, and it is up to the defence to prove that his peculiarly borders on insanity. The defence must satisfy the Jury that at the time of the murder the accused did not know what he was doing."

Before he called Cheung, Mr Gittins stressed that, in case the defendant should appear sane while in the witness box, the Jury were only concerned with whether he was sane or not at the time of the murder. He would, he said, call medical evidence on that point.

Referring to the circumstances surrounding the crime he pointed out that the attack was made in broad daylight and in public, and that there was no possible motive. "Also the defendant surrendered himself to the Police voluntarily. If he intended to kill a person these are not circumstances under which an attack would be made," he said. "It is difficult to understand his actions, if there is nothing really abnormal about the accused."

Continuing his story defendant said he went home where he saw his younger sister. "I asked her why the things and photographs were in disorder, and she said the Police had been looking for me," Cheung said.

"I asked her why and she said because I had stolen a person. After a meal of rice Cheung said he went first to the home of his Aunt and later to the Police Station at the request of his sister. He could not remember her asking him to change his trousers before he went, he did not know why she should have asked him to do so.

Shown a knife Cheung said he did not remember using it to cut his trousers on May 9. Neither did he remember leaving it in his house before going up the hillside.

The trial is proceeding.

FAMILY HISTORY. Counsel spoke of the youth's family history, saying that there was at least one case of insanity in the family—the defendant's great-grandmother who had tried to commit suicide, and had later tried to kill his father with a dagger.

"She was known in the district as 'old fool' or 'silly one,'" he said.

He announced his intention of calling Lam Chak-to, former employer of the accused, who would tell how about once a week the defendant had had periods of inability to concentrate on his work, which was concerned with printing. He had moods of depression, although these became less frequent after he had learned English and transferred to the English section of the business.

Lam, Counsel said, would tell of a time in November last when Cheung did not go to work but telephoned and asked his employer to meet him urgently at Reptile Bay. When Lam got there defendant had nothing to say, and appeared to have had a black-out.

Defendant left his employment finally in March 1953 and did not return, although previously when he had left (at frequent intervals when he said he could not work) he had always applied to be reinstated.

On April 26 there was an outbreak at home which resulted in his being tied up and taken to the mental hospital, from where he was released on May 1 as not "certifiably insane." Eight days later he attacked his friend.

"Normally a witness is a witness of truth," Mr Gittins said before calling the accused. "But I must make a slight qualification when I put the defendant forward—he will say what he thinks."

IN THE BOX. In the box, the defendant showed a marked disinclination to speak—answers to Counsel's questions came slowly and after long pauses, and he kept his eyes on the floor throughout his examination.

He said he believed he was a Christian and took the oath on the Bible. On May 9, he said, he rose at eight o'clock, and played ball at the Tai Koo Football Ground until about midday when he went home for a meal. Afterwards he read books.

Cheung did not remember whether he went out during the afternoon, and said he could not remember anything until he found himself on a hill when it was getting dark. He did not know how he came to be there.

Sou Wai, a fruit tawker, who was in the vicinity of the line, heard shouts of "Save life" and "Fire." He then saw the defendant jump from the top of the hill down to the road, and appear to be knocked unconscious by the fall. He went to call the Police on a telephone, and on returning saw the defendant in the custody of a Policeman.

Hearing is continuing.

Tokyo Rocked By 'Quake'

Tokyo, Sept. 3. A sharp earthquake rocked Tokyo at 10.05 a.m. today.

The buildings trembled and swayed in central Tokyo for half a minute.

Government seismologists reported the intensity in Tokyo was rather strong.

They said the epicentre was located near Tokyo—United Press.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted. Registered letters, parcels and other correspondence are posted one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

By Air. Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m. C.P.A. Siam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m. C.P.A./B.O.A.C. Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m. I.K.A. H.W.A.L.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

By Air. Siam, Burma, India, via T.A.C. Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 11 a.m. Air France, Formosa, Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Canada, 1 p.m. C.A.T./C.P.A.L. Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 11 a.m. Air France, Siam, Burma, India, via T.A.C. New Zealand, 6 p.m. Q.E.A. Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m. I.K.A. Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m. T.A.C. H.W.A.L.

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Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Formosa, Canada, 1 p.m. as Washington Mail.

Philippines, North Borneo, 1 p.m. as Ili Hien.

Bus Driver's "Idle Words"

"I was going even slower than if I had been carrying passengers," said Tsang Sing-kong, a bus driver charged with speeding in King's Road on June 12, before Mr. Thomas Tam at Criminal Sessions this morning.

The bus company would perjure him if I want any faster, and I always obey the regulations. The policeman on the motor bicycle had only to go 31 miles an hour to catch me I expect!"

"This is all talk, talk, talk, idle words, words, words," said Mr. Tam. "At no time in your evidence have you actually said that you were not going as fast as 20 miles an hour. You say that you obeyed the regulations laid down by the company. I only wish you had. Indeed I wish that all people in Hongkong would obey the regulations for then there would be no need for me to come to Court and I would be the happiest man in Hongkong."

"But the Court is quite convinced that you are guilty," continued Mr. Tam, "and also finds you a winch. This Court is not going to sit here and be harangued. You are fined twenty dollars."

Prosecution Withdrawn

Lau Siu-hung, 38, pawnbroker of the Wing Cheong Pawnshop, of 354 Queen's Road, West, ground floor, charged with receiving stolen property, was discharged by Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr at the Victoria District Court this morning when Chief Inspector W. Eggleston announced that he had been instructed to ask for a "nolle prosequi" to be entered.

Lau, who was represented by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, was alleged to have received one leather suitcase and a blanket, the property of one Chan Kin-wah, knowing the same to be stolen, on August 1.

The accused had pleaded not guilty when he first appeared before the District Judge, and date of hearing of his case had been fixed for this morning.

What's Her Line? Solution FLOWER SETTER. London Express Article.